

Meeting Minutes: Negotiations Committee – District Office Executive Conference Room

Date/Time: May 1, 2025 – 7:30 a.m.

Location: District Office

Start: 7:30 a.m. **End:** 8:33 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Melissa Burkland, Katie Christensen, Nikkie Gullickson, Kristin Nelson, and Allie Ollenburger

Committee Members Absent:

Board Members Present:

Administrative Staff Present: Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Dr. Robert Grosz, Dr. Jeff McCanna, Dr. Jennifer Soupir-Fremstad, and Bill Westrick

Recorder: Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or Actions
Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 25, 2025 meeting.	The minutes will be posted on the Board’s section of the public website.
2025 Teacher Negotiations Topics – Possible Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations strategy as permitted under NDCC §44-04-19.1 and 15.1-16-22	Katie Christensen moved that the Negotiations Committee enter executive session for the purpose of negotiations strategy as permitted under NDCC §44-04-19.1 and 15.1-16-22. Allie Ollenburger seconded the motion. The motion passed (Yes: Melissa Burkland, Katie Christensen, Kristin Nelson, and Allie Ollenburger. The executive session was held in the District Office Executive Conference Room on the second floor. Chair Melissa Burkland entered executive session at 7:31 a.m. Board members Melissa Burkland, Katie Christensen, Nikkie Gullickson, Kristin Nelson, and Allie Ollenburger were present in the room. Additionally, Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Dr. Robert Grosz, Jeff McCanna, Amy Patterson, Dr. Jennifer Soupir-Fremstad, and Bill Westrick were present in the room. During the session, discussion was held on negotiations strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations with the Fargo Education Association. The executive session ended at 8:31 a.m.	
Brainstorming for Facts and Information Gathering	There were no new information requests.	
Confirm Next Meeting/Set Meeting Dates	Discussion was had on future meetings. The committee will meet next on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Future meeting dates: • May 15, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room • May 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room • May 29, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room	