

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** March 23, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.**Location:** District Office Board Room**Start:** 12:00 p.m. **End:** 12:30 p.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Katie Christensen Mineer, Nikki Gullickson, Jason Nelson, Kristin Nelson (Remote)**Committee Members Absent:****Board Members Present:****Staff Members Present:** Dr. Cory Steiner, Dr. Robert Grosz, Tara Brandner, Jackie Gapp, and Bill Westrick**Recorder:** Catherine Edgerton

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Discuss Legislator Get Together	Superintendent Dr. Cory Steiner confirmed the date of May 12th for the Legislator Get Together. Topics of discussion will include BARR, Explorer Academy, and a debrief of the Ed Clapp and Discovery legislator sight visits on April 28th. There will also be an update on Vital Network, Cellphone Ban, and Mill Levy.	Chair Robin Nelson will follow up with Ms. Edgerton and send out a formal invitation via email to legislators.
Discuss NDSBA Resolutions	The deadline to submit legislative resolutions to North Dakota School Boards Association (NDSBA) occurs in August. Due to time constraints during the Board reorganization meeting last July, Ms. Nelson requested that this topic be included as a spring discussion item for future work calendars. The Committee reviewed a proposed resolution to support state legislation that assists in the retention and recruitment of a high-quality education workforce to ensure the success of all North Dakota students. Ms. Nelson will also follow up with Committee members regarding current resolutions.	The Committee reached consensus to seek full Board approval at a future meeting.
Current Local, State, and Federal Legislation or Action	At a recent Fargo City Commission meeting, John Strand questioned the rationale for demolishing the Clara Barton house and requested additional information. Ms. Nelson discussed testimony provided by NDSBA to the interim Tax Reform and Relief Advisory Committee at its March meeting, highlighting concerns related to recent property tax reforms and levy limitations. Chief Operating Officer Bill Westrick provided an update on state actions and implementation of Infinite Campus. At the federal level, SNAP benefit parameters were recently updated. Dr. Steiner will testify at the interim Education Committee meeting next week regarding BARR and dual credit programs.	Dr. Steiner will follow up and provide additional information to Commissioner Strand.
Next Meeting Date	The next Governmental Affairs Committee will take place on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.	