

Meeting Minutes: Governance Committee**Date/Time:** June 8, 2026/12:00 p.m.**Location:** Room C30 at South High School**Start:** 12:06 p.m.**End:** 1:02 p.m.**Committee Members Present:** Melissa Burkland, Katie Christensen Mineer, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson, Robin Nelson**Committee Members Absent:** none**Non-Committee Members Present:** none**Staff Members Present:** Bill Westrick, Cory Steiner, Jackie Gapp, Missy Eidsness, Bob Grosz**Recorder:** AnnMarie Campbell

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of May 11 Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 11 committee meeting. Consensus was reached to approve the minutes as presented.	The minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Review of GP-7	At the last committee meeting, consensus was reached for the Governance Committee to do a full review of GP-7 for any needed changes to the policy and standing Board committees. Discussion occurred on the standing committees of the Board. There was a suggestion to remove Communications, Engagement and Advocacy Committee from the standing committees; item 3, b, 1) could be moved to the listing of duties of Governance. Consensus was reached to move this suggestion to the full Board for approval. A suggestion was made to move item 2. b. 1) from under Planning to the Governance Committee. Discussion occurred. Consensus was reached to move this suggestion to the full Board for approval. Discussion occurred on the number of Board members assigned to committees. No suggestion for change was reached. Consensus was reached to bring the changes to the Board at the June 23 meeting under the Business agenda.	Consensus was reached to bring the changes to GP-7 to the Board at the June 23 meeting under the Business agenda.
EL-5 Change	The committee discussed a possible change to EL-5 at the last committee meeting stemming from the annual monitoring of EL-5. A directive was given for administration to bring back a suggestion of where to add a policy point. Administration presented a potential change to EL-5, to add a new policy point: 6. Fail to develop and implement plans to recruit and retain staff. Discussion occurred. Consensus was reached to table the discussion and revisit at the September committee meeting, after the Strategic Plan has been approved and new committees are set.	Consensus was reached to table the discussion and revisit at the September committee meeting, after the Strategic Plan has been approved and new committees are set.
Board Training Agenda	A Board training session has been set for August 3 from 3-7 p.m. Discussion occurred on the drafted agenda for the session: 1. Budget Overview 2. Strategic Plan 3. Mill Levy Election a. Overview b. Information & Messaging 4. Board Communication	

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	a. Board with Each Other b. Board with Media c. Board with Community Other items that have been covered in past trainings and could be added to the agenda include Policy Governance, Open Meetings & Records Laws, and Robert's Rules of Order. Consensus was reached to move Open Meetings and Records Laws under Board Communication. This will be added to the July Governance Committee agenda for finalization.	The training agenda will be reviewed again at the July committee meeting.
Board Liaison Assignments A. Health Insurance Committee B. Native American Commission	Health Insurance Committee and Native American Commission were noted as committees to possibly not continue to assign Board members to in the future during the annual review of liaison assignments. Discussion occurred on the Board member liaison assignments. Consensus was reached to continue to assign a Board member for both the Health Insurance Committee and Native American Commission. Discussion also occurred on the Fargo Youth Initiative (FYI), which recently was dissolved as a City of Fargo committee; FPS now runs the committee. The City of Fargo and Park District assign members to the committee. It was noted the County is currently not involved in the committee. A Board member will continue to be assigned to FYI.	
NSBA Membership	At the June 10, 2025 Board meeting, Board members voted to end its NSBA National Connection membership. For numerous years, the dues for the membership were \$5,335. For 2025-26 school year, the cost was to be \$8,620. NSBA recently sent all Board members a message about the ability to rejoin at a reduced rate based on student enrollment. For FPS, the membership would be \$2,500. Consensus was reached that no change in membership was needed at this time.	
Strategic Plan and Results Updates	Dr. Steiner shared the administration will be meeting on June 9 to continue to work on the Strategic Plan. Administrators will be identifying their key objectives for the 2026-27 school year and how they will be supporting the District's key objectives (Mill Levy and Attendance). Dr. Steiner also shared about recent surveys – 1) survey of parents on if caregivers would recommend their child's school (85% yes), 2) student LEAPS survey about academics (36% of students feel academics are relevant). He noted that he is finalizing what formal partnerships are: 1) partnerships through the Foundation, and 2) partnerships we have contracts for. He has worked on a monitoring schedule for the new Results and will bring the schedule with the Strategic Plan to approve together.	
Agenda Third Quarter Meetings	<i>Refer to Agenda planner for Third Quarter 2026</i> Discussion occurred on the third quarter agenda planner for 2026, with the following notations: • The Building Authority meeting will be held directly following the July 14 meeting. • A request for proposal for print devices may need to be pushed to a different meeting than the July 14 meeting. The agenda topics were set as follows for the July meeting: <u>July 14 ~ Annual Reorganization Meeting</u>	

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	• Land Acknowledgement Statement • Canvassing Committee Report • Election of Officers • Reports: FEA Report; Administration Report • Consent: Minutes; HC Actions; Annual July 1 Authorizations; McKinney Vento Grant; Request for Proposals – Managed Multifunction Print Device Services; Award of Bid – Music Instruments; Award of Bid – PE Equipment • Business: Strategic Plan & GP-8E Approval; Building Authority Membership • Board Reports: none at this time • <i>Building Authority meeting directly following</i>	
The next meeting is set for July 13 at 12:00 p.m. in Room C30 at South High School.		