

2015 Governmental Affairs Committee Resolutions Report

NDSBA's Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) met August 28 to act on resolutions for consideration by the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Convention. Committee members are Greg Allen, Chair (Jamestown); Jim Rostad (Minot); Mike Lautenschlager (Berthold); Jim Johnson (Fargo); David Richter (Williston); Don Nygaard (Finley-Sharon); Lawrence King (Bismarck); Dianne Hensen (Glenburn); and Kris Fehr (Dickinson).

Resolutions remain as standing resolutions for four years unless significant legislative or staff action prompt an earlier review. At the end of four years, they are dropped unless readopted by the Delegate Assembly. There were no new resolutions submitted by the deadline of August 10.

Following are recommendations of the GAC:

RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE FOUR YEARS OLD AND RECOMMENDED FOR READOPTION AS WRITTEN

Federal Impact Aid Funding

NDSBA shall support full funding by the federal government for federally impacted schools.

Non-Education Funds to Provide for Safety Issues including School Resource Officers and Health and Nursing Services

NDSBA shall seek legislation that commits additional non-education resources to provision of these necessary services so school districts may continue to provide for educational needs of students and receive support necessary to continue these very important non-educational services necessary to ensure safety and health of all students in the state of North Dakota.

Sales and Use Tax Exemptions of School Construction Supplies and Materials

NDSBA will support the state making supplies and materials purchased by school districts through contracts with contractors for construction projects exempt from sales and use tax.

Curriculum Content

NDSBA shall oppose state or national efforts to further define and mandate specific curriculum content.

Removing Compensation from Negotiations

NDSBA shall support legislation amending the collective bargaining law to exclude compensation.

Ninth Grade Alternative Schooling

NDSBA shall seek changes in eligibility for attendance in alternative high school programs contained in Agency Rules 67-16.01 from "students must be from the ages of 16 to 21," to "students must be at least at 9th grade level or age 16 and not older than 21."

Publishing Minutes

NDSBA will support legislation and seek sponsorship for legislation which would amend the requirement that school boards pay to publish minutes as defined in NDCC 15.1-09-31.

RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE FOUR YEARS OLD AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

K-12 Funding Adequacy

NDSBA will take a lead role in discussions on continuing the ~~what a~~ commitment to “adequate funding” ~~requires of the state to meet its obligation to its students~~ that the state has made to K-12 education.

RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE FOUR YEARS OLD AND SCHEDULED TO BE DROPPED

Property Tax Initiated Measure

NDSBA shall oppose efforts to eliminate local property taxation in North Dakota.

No Child Left Behind Assessments

NDSBA shall meet with the ND Department of Public Instruction and formally request that they develop and submit to the Department of Education for approval a growth model to measure Adequate Yearly Progress in the state of North Dakota which follows the principles of No Child Left Behind and encourage DPI to offer state assessments in the spring rather than the fall.

Teacher Nonrenewal

NDSBA will seek legislative changes that would provide that any teacher newly hired after August 15 would be excluded from the continuous contract and would be covered by the provisions of NDCC 15.1-15-12(4).

If your board votes to bring a resolution to the convention floor for consideration by the Delegate Assembly, the following process must be followed:

1. Have 400 copies of your resolution ready to distribute at the close of the First Business Session on Thursday afternoon.
2. At the Second Business Session on Friday afternoon, the chair will ask if there are resolutions that were distributed on Thursday. At that time, a delegate from your board must come to the microphone and move the resolution. A delegate from a different board must make the second.
3. Once a motion and second have been made, your resolution will be discussed and voted on by the Delegate Assembly.