MINUTES-**Conference Call**
Thursday, March 9, 2000
Fort Union Room

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by vice chair, Mike Schatz. Due to weather conditions, the March board meeting was changed from an on site meeting to a connection with board members via conference call. Board members available for the 1:30 pm. conference call were: Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. ESPB staff members present: Deb Jensen, Janet Placek and Diane Weber. Gary Gronberg from DPI was also present. Doug Bahr from the Attorney General's Office as available via conference call. Board member Don Haugen was not part of board discussion after 2:30 pm.

Board members not available for the conference call: Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson and Maryjane Martens.

A motion was made by Linda to approve the February minutes with corrections of the financial statement as quoted by Janet. Second by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. The board reviewed the financial report. The financial report showed $29,060.80 in revenue with $28,413.83 in expenses for the month with the net income showing $646.97. Seventy percent of the budget has been expended for the year.

Deb informed the group that she would be attending the NASDTEC Central States meeting on behalf of the NASDTEC Interstate Contract Committee in Wisconsin, March 17-18. Deb provided a written report with information on program approval, professional development, the reciprocity study and the teacher quality enhancement grant and the following updates. Professional Development Training sessions have been scheduled for March 30 and April 26. Schools that have expressed an interest in attending are from the Bismarck/ Mandan and Napoleon/Wishek areas.

Janet informed the board that only three of our board members have been nominated to serve on the task force for Quality Schools. The board members nominated were Maryjane Martens, Laura Carney and Doug LaPlante. Janet has contacted the Lt. Governor asking that she consider that all of our board members be a part of this group. Quality schools will be an agenda item at the Fargo joint board meeting in June.

The board was informed that another applicant has withdrawn from the National Board. Gary Gronberg suggested that the board consider setting a monetary deposit for those entering the certification program. Upon certification program completion, the deposit would then be returned.

This item will be placed on the April board agenda. Other items that will be considered for April will be the ESL restricted license rules. It was suggested that representatives from Moorhead State, Valley City and UND be invited to visit the board regarding their ESL major/minors.

A motion was made by Linda to accept the minor equivalency rule changes. Second by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

CASES

Leon Thielges

Janet informed the board that additional materials had been faxed that related to the case. A motion was made by Laura to remove the improvement plan from the Thielges' file. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. Janet will contact Mr. Thielges thanking him for responding to the board's request. Mr. Thielges is employed with Enderlin Public Schools.

Kelli Slominski

A motion was made by Bev to issue a two-year, renewal license. Second by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes: Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante, Bev Sandness and Michael Schatz. The Slominksi renewal application was brought before the board due to misdemeanor charges, which were suspended. At this time, the applicant is not employed at a school district.

The suspended sentences have been questioned in the past. For future board use meetings, it was suggested that BCI be contacted for additional information on the process of expungement.

FYI CASES

Mark Sondag (Administrative Board)

The board has started proceedings to revoke the license of Mr. Sondag. Doug Bahr read a letter from Mr. Sondag. Since there was no administrative quorum, the letter will be sent to the board for discussion/consideration at the April board meeting.

Renee Elkins

Doug Bahr informed the board that Ms. Elkins had been notified on February 11th of her options regarding paying the fine or nor being in the classroom the number of days that her license was not valid. Ms. Elkins did not respond. Therefore, the case has been dropped via due process.

Kim Stelter

Doug Bahr informed the board that Ms. Stelter had been notified on February 11th of her options regarding paying the fine or out of the classroom the number of days that he license was not valid. Ms. Stelter did not respond. Therefore, the case has been dropped via due process.

Michael Fairbanks
Doug Bahr informed the board that Mr. Fairbanks has agreed to the settlement agreement.

The committee work, committee reports and website demonstration did not take place. The board meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Vice Chair
3/00

Secretary/Executive Director

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