MINUTES
November 9, 2000
Embassy Room, Kelly Inn
Bismarck, ND

The board meeting was called to order by board chair Doug Johnson. Board members present were Amy Benz, Bev Sandness, Mike Schatz and Jack Rasmussen. ESPB associates Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk were also available. Visitors present were Gary Gronberg from DPI, Nancy Edwards and Joe Westby from NDEA, Rose Payan from ETS and Doug Bahr from the Attorney Generals office. Deans and other higher education affiliates who attended the meeting were Wanda Belgarde from Solen Public School, Kathryn Froehlich from Sitting Bull Community College, Larry Grooters from Valley City State, Jim Wigtail from ND State University, Ron Semmens from Mayville State College, Michael and Ruth Dusing from Trinity Bible College, Gary Jacobson and Doug LaPlante from Dickinson State College and Peggy Shaeffer from the University of North Dakota.

Board members who were not available were Laura Carney, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Don Haugen.

Janet informed the board of case agenda additions and letters regarding two-year standard licensed teachers. The board would like to find out the number of the two-year standards that were issued and to research the law of the definition of the first grade and second grade Life certificates.

Deb informed the group that NCATE State Partnership Board has approved the North Dakota partnership renewal for the next five years. The office was notified on October 30th. Deb just returned from the Jamestown College program approval visitation, which she felt went well. Information of the review will be available at the next PAAC meeting.

Deb conducted training on the Professional Development *Guidelines* for the teacher center directors on October 18th. The new directors were updated on the materials and training available and teacher center network will be running articles on the Professional Development Guidelines in their newsletters. She also reported that the teacher center network expressed support in assisting the mentoring activities that ESPB may pursue.

A motion was made by Mike to approve the October minutes as written. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Bev Sandness, Mike Schatz and Jack Rasmussen.

Not all of the financial reports were available for the meeting, due to the transition of job duties within the office. The financial reports for October will be made available with the December board materials. Janet mentioned to the board that two more educators have applied for national board certification, bringing the total to five applicants. As far as legal costs, she updated the board regarding the Mark Sondag case. The costs so far are $3,788.99. She reminded the board that if his crime would have been a crime that had been committed against a child, Mr. Sondag's legal costs would not have been charged to the board. The office has been in the process of moving into their new/used modular furniture. Some of the modular furniture was purchased, while some of the furniture was free from facility management. The total cost of the modular furniture was $2,000. The office also has utilized another new lateral filing unit.

Rose Payan from Education Testing Services gave a presentation on Pre-professional SkillsTest (PPST). NDACTE has recommended the PPST be used as an additional requirement for initial teacher licensure.

Doug Johnson distributed the executive director evaluation forms. He asked the board members to please complete and return to him by December 4th. This would allow time for the evaluation results to be available for the December board meeting.

Doug Bahr presented the legislative bill relating to the teacher mentor program. A motion was made by Bev to approve the legislative bill, with the changes. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

CASES

Patricia Strom

Much discussion was done on whether to grant the two-year license renewal request. A motion was made by Bev to deny the request of license renewal. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board member voting yes were Amy Benz, Doug Johnson, Bev Sandness, Mike Schatz and Jack Rasmussen. The denial of her license request was made on the basis of Ms. Strome providing false information on her **present/past** renewal application regarding her felony charges.

Audrey Dahners
Ms. Dahners presently holds a five-year license. While holding this license, Ms. Dahners committed a crime. A motion was made by Bev to contact Ms. Dahners for the police report and a letter from her psychologist. Her superintendent will also be contacted. Ms. Dahners' case will be placed on the December agenda. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Doug Johnson, Bev Sandness, Mike Schatz and Jack Rasmussen.

Alan Worrel
Doug Bahr informed the board that more witness may come forth. Also, at the September meeting, the board had requested to find out the cost of the transcripts. This cost would be $300. The board agreed to place this case on the December agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30. The next board meeting will be on December 7th at on the 12th floor (PSC) of the Capitol.

Board Chair

Executive Director/Secretary

11/00