MINUTES
MARCH, 2001
Thursday, March 8th
PSC Board Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, ND

The Education Standard and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by vice chair, Mike Schatz. Board members present were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen and Bev Sandness. ESPB associates available for the meeting were Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors present were Gary Gronberg from DPI, Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office and Jim Martens, son of board member Maryjane Martens.

Board members who were absent were Laura Carney and Doug Johnson. Laura was available for the administrative board case, Ray Aucker, via conference call.

A motion was made by Don to approve the February board minutes as written. Second by Maryjane. A motion was made by Bev to approve the February conference call minutes as written. Second by Maryjane. Motions carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Diane summarized the February financial statement. Total revenue received was $21,572.88; total expenses showed $22,914.40. The net income for February showed -$1,341.52. Eight-three percent of the budget has been expended for the 2000-01 fiscal year. A motion was made by Maryjane to approve the February financial statement. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Only the written assistant director's report was given. Deb was not at the board meeting due to her attendance at the NCATE/State Partnership Clinic.

Janet informed the board that North Dakota has submitted shortage areas in the fields of computer education, health careers, music and special education. She also asked for board approval on the language clarification rules rewrite regarding the **probationary license**. A motion was made by Bev to approve the language change as written. Second by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

A motion was made Randy to hire Germaine Krueger as the ESPB web master, at the rate of $13.92 per hour. Second by Amy. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement to have our ESPB web page revamped/updated were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Janet will develop a contract for Germaine's signature.

Janet asked the board for continued help with **HB 1326 makeup of the ESPB board.** She informed the board that **SB 2412** relating to **Life** licenses to be issued to educators, who have been employed for 30 years, would be passed into law. Gary Gronberg suggested that the board might want to consider a license fee increase to take care of the decline of license renewals due to the individuals who have the 30 years of experience.

Gary would like DPI and ESPB to work on a definition on "what is a substitute teacher". It was suggested that Janet check with other states with their definition of the substitute teaching.

The board would also like Janet to contact the High School Activities Association regarding the degree coaches and non-degree coaches. Board members felt that criteria should be established for training, 1st aid, etc. for individuals who are hired to coach.

Gary informed the board that DPI has sent notices to all school districts that have ESL educators employed. These districts have until 2003 to have individuals in place with the ESL endorsement. UND has a program in place that will allow for the endorsement, plus financial support is also available.

CASES

Ray Aucker (Administrative)

A motion was made by Laura to research potential violations and revisit this case at the April board meeting. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Administrative board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. Possible potential violations:

1. Conviction; does it affect children?
2. Probation, which is over in 2002
3. Breach of contract?
4. Misrepresenting qualifications when applying for ND licensure
5. Was license suspended in another state?
6. Not being truthful on the ND license renewal application

Grafton Public Schools

Educators involved are Julian Bjornson, Robert Bradshaw, Kent Green and Chris Bates. At the request of Ev Kappel, individual who filed the request for inquiry, the case will be heard at another time. Ms. Kappel wishes to provide additional documentation.

Rhonda Mosset
A motion was made by Don to issue an initial two-year license. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Ms. Mosset's license request was brought before the board due to her background check.

Megan Smith
A motion was made by Don to issue a two-year, initial license. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Ms. Smith's license request was brought before the board due to her background check.

Rebecca Spawn-Stroup
A motion was made by Randy to issue another one-year, interim/emergency license, with the stipulation that Ms. Spawn-Stroup provide evidence of the graduate hours taken by the end of this summer. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Ms. Spawn-Stroup's renewal request was before the board due to eight semester hours needed. Ms. Spawn-Stroup was not allowed to take courses due to staffing issues with her employer and the early arrival of her baby. She is employed with the Prairie Learning Center at Raleigh.

Brain Sennett
The case file was revisited for additional direction. A motion was made by Don to discontinue legal action at this time. But the intent is to have Mr. Sennett's license request be brought before the board if he were to renew his ND license. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Sennett's license has expired and information was placed on the clearinghouse regarding his sexual allegations.

Jerhad Voglewede
Don made a motion to issue a two-year, initial license. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Vogelwede's license request was before the board due to his background check.

Brant Wardner
The board requested that Janet contact BCI for additional information regarding his charges.

Grady Carlson (case addition)
Don again made the motion to issue a two-year, interim reciprocal license. Second by Amy. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Carlson's license request was before the board due to his background check.

CASES PENDING
Ray Aucker
Grafton Public Schools
Brant Borchert, Manvel
James Kendal, Oakes
Brian Wardner, Dickinson
Harvey Wolff, Oakes
Alan Worrel, Verona

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 5th; same time and place as last month's meeting.

Board Vice Chair
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Secretary/Executive Director

attachment-probation rewrite