

MINUTES

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Radisson, Bismarck

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by board chair, Tim Tausend. Board members who attended were Kimberly Belgrade, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike Neff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Others who attended the meeting were Diane Weber and Janet Welk from ESPB, Michele Burian and Kirsten Baesler from DPI, Sandra DePountis from the AG's Office, Wayne Kutzer from Department of Career/Technical Education, Fern Pokorny from ND United, Mike Heilman from AdvancEd, Amy Sisk from the Bismarck Tribune, Mike Nowatski from Forum News Service and Steph Schauer from KXMB.

Board members, Amy Mann and Laura Mihalick did not attend.

Introductions were held.

CASES

BAESLER, KIRSTEN

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to dismiss. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgrade, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. The alleged domestic violence charges were dismissed. Ms. Baesler is currently the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

TSCHOSIK, TODD

Sandy DePountis stated concerns directed to code of ethics issues such as commitment to students; however lack of evidence to support any bases for disciplinary action. Therefore, a motion was made by Paul Stremick to dismiss. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgrade, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. The alleged domestic violence charges were dropped. Mr. Tschosik is currently employed with Bismarck Public Schools as a business education instructor for Horizon/Simle Middle Schools.

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DERR, CHELSEY

GaryThompson made the motion to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, and Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Ms. Derr's application was before the Board because she self-reported by checking yes to question #3, section two of the online application.

DIBICH, JORDAN

Paul Stremick made the motion to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Mr. Dibich's license was before the Board due to his background check.

FURAU, LORI

A motion was made by Mike McNeff to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Furaus' license request was before the Board due to her background check. Tim Tausend did not vote.

KOHLER, KELLY

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to have the office contact Ms. Kohler for her response to the alleged felony counts. Second by Karen Christenson. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Grafton Public Schools reported the charges to the ESPB office. Ms. Kohler was released from her contract. She was employed as a librarian at Grafton Public Schools.

MCCLEARY, KYLE

Mike McNeff made a motion for the office to contact Mr. McCleary for his response to the Morton County Social Services report and New Salem/Almont Public Schools allegations. Second by Kim Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Mr. McCleary has resigned his position with New Salem/Almont Public Schools. He is a biology instructor.

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WIBLE, GARRETT

The Board found grounds to deny the application because he was convicted of offenses having a direct bearing upon his ability to serve as a teacher and not being sufficiently rehabilitated. A motion was made by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo to have an initial, one-year sub license issued, if he accepts the settlement agreement with the following conditions:

1. Comply with all laws/rules related to the profession of teaching
2. Notify the Board immediately if he violates any laws/rules
3. Do a background check before applying for any additional license

Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. *NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(d)(e) and ND Adm Code 67.1-02-02-06(4)*

ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

ROACH, DARRIN

Karen Christensen made the motion to proceed with disciplinary action and offer a settlement agreement of a \$100 fine. Second by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. Motion carried. Administrative board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo and Tim Tausend. Administrative board members who voted no were Mike McNeff and Paul Stremick. Mr. Roach knowingly permitted another individual to teach under contract for the 2013-2014 school year, when that individual did not have a current North Dakota teaching license. Mr. Roach is the administrator at Oak Grove Lutheran High School in Fargo. *NDCC 15.1-18 & NDCC 15.1-13.25(1)(i)*

Kimberly Belgarde made the motion to approve the **2015 March minutes**. Second by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson.

The **March 2015 financial and licensure reports** were not available for Board review due to the timing of the board meeting.

SB 2355 died on the House floor. Because of the emergency clause, the bill needed a 48 pass vote. The votes cast were 45/42. The Board owes a huge “thank you” to Rep. Mike Schatz.

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The office move is still on track with the moving date, May 1. At this time, the modular furniture is on order. All requests by the office staff regarding the moving of walls, removing doors, closing up walls etc., the landlord has taken care off.

Board discussion was held regarding shortage areas, particularly in trades/industry areas. A motion was made by Mike McNeff to allow Career/Technical education instructor the option of taking the Praxis II and PLT (7-12) test. This is intended for applicants who have not completed a regular teacher prep program. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Paul Stremick did not vote. This action will help the North Border-Pembina Public Schools, teacher James Holmquist.

The Board had an opportunity view the Supervisor Survey (supervisors of 1st year teachers) instrument which has been customized for North Dakota use. The current survey is the result of three surveys which were aligned with InTASC standards. The three surveys have undergone factor analysis for reliability and validity.

Gary Thompson made the motion to accept multistate standard setting for Praxis Early Childhood (5025) test cut score of 156. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson.

Board education was provided by Mike Heilman, AdvancEd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Chair

Secretary/Executive Director