

MINUTES

Thursday, August 3, 2015

Pioneer Room, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by board chair, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. Board members who attended were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Others who attended the meeting were Diane Weber and Janet Welk from ESPB, Sandra DePountis from the AG's Office, Fern Pokorny, Jane Ruprecht and Chad Oban from ND United, Bob Marthaller, Gwen Marback and Kirsten Baesler from DPI and Mike Geiermann from ND United.

Prior to the board meeting, several board members attended the morning Task Force Meeting dealing with hardship hiring positions.

Introduction where held.

CASES

KNODEL, AARON

A motion was made by Kimberly Belgarde to dismiss. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Board members who voted no were Amy Mann, Mike McNeff and Laura Mihalick. Mr. Knodel's license was before the Board due to a former student asserting violation of the educator's code of ethics. Mr. Knodel was found not guilty by a jury. He is employed with West Fargo Public Schools an English teacher.

JUNG, DARYL

Mike McNeff made the motion to contact the Hettinger County Sheriff regarding other possible charges related to Mr. Jung. Second by Amy Mann. Motion carried. Board members who agreed were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

QUALLS, REBECCA

The Board was called into executive session at 1:20 pm. The topic/purpose for the executive session was to discuss a confidential child abuse/neglect report. The executive session adjourned at 1:29 pm. *NDCC 44-04-19.1* Paul Stremick made the motion to dismiss. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. s. Qualls' is an elementary teacher with Mott-Regent Public Schools.

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DAVID, KATELIN

A motion was made by Kimberly Belgarde to revoke Ms. David's license. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. David's license was before the Board due to immoral character thru contact with a student violating the educator's code of ethics. Ms. David was employed with Kenmare Public School as physical education instructor. *NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(c) & (j) and ND Adm. Code 67.1-03-01-02*

PLOIUM, COREY

Laura Mihalick asked the office to file a request for inquiry against Mr. Ploium's license. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Ploium was formerly employed as an elementary teacher with Oberon Pubic Schools.

KOLOSKY, AMANDA

Paul Stremick made the motion to revoke Ms. Kolosky's license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Kolosky has surrendered her license. She pled guilty to contributing to the deprivation of a minor. Ms. Kolosky's was formerly employed with Mandan Public Schools as a special education instructor. *NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(d) and (j) & ND Adm. Code 67.1-03-01-02*

MUTSCHLER, MELISSA

A motion was made by Mike McNeff to grant an initial, two-year license. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Mutschler's license application was before the Board due to her background check.

BORGEN, JODIE

A motion was made by Mike McNeff to obtain information from Ms. Borgen regarding the "kiss on the cheek". Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who vote yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Borgen's renewal of her license was before the Board for checking yes to question #3, section two of the online application. At the present time, Oberon Public School is waiting to hire Ms. Borgen.

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TARACIDO, CHRISTINA

Amy Mann made the motion to grant an initial, two-year license. Second by Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Taracido's license application was before the Board due to her background check.

CHRISTIANSON, BRYAN

Gary Thompson made the motion to grant a two-year, out-of-state reciprocal license. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Christianson's license application was before the Board due to his background check.

OLSON, ALEXA

A motion was made by Mike McNeff to grant an initial, two-year license. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Olson's license was before the Board due to her background check.

CRUFF, TIM

A motion was made by Amy Mann to grant a five-year renewal license. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Cruff's license renewal was before the Board for checking yes to question #3, section two of the application.

WAGNER, LINDA

Gary Thompson made the motion to grant a re-entry license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Wagner's license application was before the Board because of her background check.

RASMUSSEN, ROBERT

Paul Stremick made the motion to grant a two-year, out-of-state reciprocal license. Second by Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Rasmussen's license was before the Board due to his background check. Mike McNeff voted no.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CASE

JOHNSON, GREG

Our attorney, Sandy DePountis, will send another letter to Mr. Johnson, since there is difficulty in trying to locate him.

SOPER, CHARLES

A motion was made by Paul Stremick to table, second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Administrative board members who were in agreement were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick and Paul Stremick.

BAILLY, TESCHA

Mike McNeff made the motion to grant a five-year OSEL. Second by Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Administrative board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff and Laura Mihalick. Paul Stremick did not vote. Ms. Bailly's license application was before the administrative board due to her background check.

Sandy DePountis provided a review of what the board functions are, procedures on how and why teachers/administrators are placed on the agenda, how this information is gathered, etc. She felt it was important that information, regardless if pending charges, if the information appears in the media, if a RFI is filed, that the Board be made aware of the notices. By the notices being brought to the Board, the Board is then to decide on how to move forward with the notices. The Board needs to decide as a group on the action; so the notice/notices are not determined by one person.

Kimberly Belgarde made the motion approving the **June, 2015 board meeting minutes**. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldridge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

The Board had an opportunity to review the financial/licensure report. Janet Welk informed the group part the income in the June report reflected teacher support administrative funds. The June 2015 licensure report showed \$135,937.78 in total income received, showed \$50,992.12 in total expenses with a net income of \$84,945.66. The licensure report showed 1,010 total licenses issued. A motion was made by Gary Thompson to approve the **2015 financial/licensure report**. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary

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Thompson.

Gary Thompson made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 ESPB budget with a proposed income of \$808,893.07 and proposed expenses of \$831,416.33 and the Teacher Support 2015-2016 budget with a proposed income of \$1,879,658 and proposed expenses of \$1,547,313.04. Karen Christensen seconded the motion. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Motion carried.

Gary Thompson presented the June 29, 2015 PAAC recommendations to the Board. A motion was then made by Gary Thompson to approve the recommendations that were brought forward to the Board, second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

Discussion was done regarding the morning Task Force hardship meeting. A motion was made by Mike McNeff to draft language for the community expert license so that the process for emergency rule can be submitted to the Governor's Office. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. The Board's action was the result of the Hardship Consideration Task Force, to assist school administrator's regarding the hiring/filling positions for the 2015-16. Janet Welk will be drafting the language and have the Board discuss via conference call.

The board calendar was set. The Board will be meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month, except for January, when the Board will meet the 3rd Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Chair

Secretary/Executive Director