MINUTES – ESPB Special Meeting Thursday, August 18, 2022 Zoom Video Conference

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) special meeting video conference was called to order at 2:37pm by Board chair Carly Retterath.

Board members present were Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Joshua Standing Elk, and Patti Stedman.

Members Siri Coleman, Ben Johnson, Cory Steiner, Brenda Tufte, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler were absent.

Also present by video conference were Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin and Amy Bigelow from ESPB and Carl Karpinski from the Attorney General's office.

Carl reminded Board members that due to confidential records the Board will need to go into executive session. He stated only the document and information contained in it can be discussed in executive session. Outside of executive session, information contained in the report cannot be discussed.

Davy Zinke – Kathy Lentz disclosed that she knows all parties involved but does feel she can vote impartially. No Board members expressed concern with Kathy voting.

The next item on the agenda is for Davy Zinke. This item must be discussed in executive session. Legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2. The topic or purpose of this executive session is discussion and review of confidential records.

Patti Stedman made a motion to move to executive session. Motion seconded by Sonya Hansana. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Kathy Lentz, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, and Carly Retterath. None opposed. Motion carried. Executive session began at 2:41pm and was attended by Board members Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Joshua Standing Elk, and Patti Stedman. Also present were ESPB Executive Director Becky Pitkin, Carl Karpinski, legal counsel from Attorney General's Office, and Amy Bigelow, ESPB staff and meeting secretary.

Sonya Hansana made a motion to move out of executive session. Motion seconded by Andrea Fox. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Kathy Lentz, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, and Carly Retterath. None opposed. Motion carried. Executive session ended at 2:48pm.

Andrea Fox made a motion to revoke Mr. Zinke's license based on Administrative Code 15.1-13-25(c)(j) and NDCC 67.1-03-01-02(3)(4)(6). Seconded by Patti Stedman. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Kathy Lentz, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, and Carly Retterath. None opposed. Motion carried.

Patti Stedman made motion to send a Request for Inquiry to the school superintendent. Motion seconded by Sonya Hansana. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Sonya Hansana, Kathy Lentz, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, and Carly Retterath. None opposed. Motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:57pm.

Secretary/Executive Director