

MINUTES – Special Meeting

Friday, December 16, 2022

Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chair Brenda Tufte. Board members present by video conference were Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, Brenda Tufte, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler. Board members Andrea Fox and Sonya Hansana were absent.

Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, Allyson Hicks from Office of the Attorney General, and Dr. Penny Veit-Hetletved, Superintendent of Washburn Public School.

Eddy, Joshua – Attorney Allyson Hicks asked if anyone has a conflict of interest to disclose in relation to this case. No board members disclosed a conflict of interest.

Mr. Eddy has been charged with offenses, where if he's convicted, would require revocation of his license under NDCC 15.1-13-26. At this time, he has not been convicted but he did admit to the conduct. Allyson recommends that Mr. Eddy be offered a settlement agreement to permanently revoke his license under NDCC 15-1-13-25. Washburn Public Schools did file a Request for Inquiry on Mr. Eddy as well. Allyson said the Board can wait for his response, but he most likely won't respond until case has been resolved.

Ben Johnson made a motion to issue a Mr. Eddy a settlement agreement to revoke his license under NDCC 15.1-13-25. Motion seconded by Cory Steiner. Ben stated in this case, Mr. Eddy did admit to allegations. Taking this action is consistent with past cases. Ben also pointed out that Penny Veit-Hetletved, Superintendent from Washburn, is online and thanked her for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Board members who voted yes were Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07am.

Chair

Secretary/Executive Director