

MINUTES – ESPB Special Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021

Zoom Video Conference

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) special meeting video conference was called to order at 4:03pm.

Board members present were Andrea Fox, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Kraig Steinhoff, and Bob Toso.

Board members were absent were Ben Johnson, Brenda Tufte, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.

Also present by video conference were Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Assistant Director Mari Riehl and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, and Logan Fletcher.

Senate Bill 2332 – In 2019, House Bill 1287 created the American Board route to licensure. A number of applicants have gone through this process and obtained licensure in the past 2 years. Previously, it was not an option to complete American Board to obtain licensure in special education in North Dakota. Senate Bill 2332 adds special education as an option. If allowed, North Dakota would required that this be paired with elementary education.

After completing American Board and obtaining a North Dakota teaching license, license holders are required to complete additional requirements of multicultural and Native American studies, special education, youth mental health, TSS mentoring program, and American Board's clinical experience within their first two years of licensure.

Board members discussed various implications of special education becoming a route to licensure through American Board.

Bob Toso made a motion to have Becky provide neutral testimony regarding Senate Bill 2332. Motion seconded by Kathy Lentz. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Kraig Steinhoff, and Bob Toso. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Chair

Secretary/Executive Director