MINUTES – Special Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024 Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:03am by Chair Cory Steiner. Board members present by video conference were Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Deb Follman, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.

Board members Amber Fridley, Kathy Lentz, and Angela Nagel were absent.

Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Assistant Director Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, and Allyson Hicks and Mark Openshaw from Office of Attorney General.

Parsley, Brendon – Mr. Parsley has been charged with offenses where if he's convicted, would require the revocation of his license under NDCC 15.1-13-26. Allyson recommends that at this time, Mr. Parsley's license be suspended under a settlement agreement and if he's convicted of any offenses based on the underlying facts of the case that his license be permanently revoked under NDCC 15.1-13-25. It is unknown at this time if he's still employed. Patti Stedman asked why it took so long for this case to be charged, since school officials are mandated reporters, and the events appear to have happened a number of years ago. Allyson said that's unknown and that mandated reporting means reporting to law enforcement and not to the Board. This is information the Board can request. Evan Kritzberger would be interested in doing that.

Patti Stedman made a motion to issue settlement agreement to suspend Mr. Parsley's license immediately. If he pleads or is found guilty of any charge based on the underlying facts of the case his license would immediately be revoked. Motion seconded by Evan Kritzberger. Patti is concerned about the amount of time it's been since the offenses occurred and why this was not investigated and reported sooner. Board members who voted yes were Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Deb Follman, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14am.

Chair my Steiner

Rebecca S. Pitkin

Secretary/Executive Director