

MINUTES

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Peace Garden Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by vice-chair, Karen Christensen. Board members who attended were Kimberly Belgrade, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike Neff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and ex-officio board member Kirsten Baesler. Others who attended the meeting were Mari Fridgen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk from ESPB, Ed Erickson from the AG's Office, Patti Barrett ND United, Gail Schauer from DPI and Wayne Kutzer from Career/Technical Education.

Mary Eldredge-Sandbo and Laura Mihalick did not attend the meeting.

Introductions were held.

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to add Garrett Wible and Jacob Grugelko to the agenda cases. Second by Amy Mann. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgrade, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

Prior to getting started with Board case discussion and review, Ed Erickson provided an overview of duties of a board member. One of the main functions of the Board is to protect the public. Any decision made by the Board needs to be done collectively and at a meeting. If a citizen calls an individual board member, the board member may listen but should not provide their opinion.

A "thank you" was provided to Janet Welk and Ed Erickson on the cover sheet which was attached to each Board case.

CASES

BELGARDE, WANDA

Mike McNeff made the motion to grant a two-year, re-entry license. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson. Kimberly Belgrade did not vote. Ms. Belgrade's license request was before the Board due to her background check. Ms. Belgrade is employed as a 21st Century Director/Parent Involvement Coordinator at Standing Rock School District in Fort Yates.

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HURTADO, ARIEL

Gary Thompson made the motion to grant an initial, one-year teaching license. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson. Mr. Hurtado's license request was before the Board due to his background check. He will be working as a substitute teacher with Dickinson Public Schools.

KNUTSON, ANNA

Much discussion was done by the Board. A motion was made by Dinah Goldenberg to have the office obtain additional information.

1. If an alcohol evaluation has been done, obtain the document
2. Research if Ms. Knutson holds a teaching license in MN, where she is teaching in MN and what are the MN rules.

Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Knutson applied for renewal of a two-year OSEL. She self-reported a DUI charge which was received 5/2015.

MATCHAN, DAWN

A motion was made by Paul Stremick to grant an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Matchan's license request was before the Board due to here background check. She will be subbing at St. John Public School.

GRYGELKO, JACOB

A motion was made by Gary Thompson an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Amy Mann. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Grygelko's license request was before the Board due to his background check. He will be working as a sub at Williston Public Schools.

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WIBLE, GARRETT

Much, much discussion was done by the Board. Kimberly Belgarde made the motion to suspend Mr. Wible's license for 30 days, with the following stipulations:

1. Update the office as soon as you have made an appointment for alcohol evaluation, including the name and address of the professional providing the evaluation,
2. Have the professional send a copy the evaluation to the Board
3. Provide any recommended treatment, including appointment dates and
4. Have the professional provide the treatment of the evaluation to the Board.

Failure to meet evaluation or treatment requirements provided in your plea agreement will result in additional disciplinary action. The Board will review your alcohol evaluation and the degree to which you are subject to rehabilitation for the good of the public. A copy of the settlement agreement is to be sent to the Westhope Public School administrator. Second by Dinah Goldenberg. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mike McNeff did not vote. *NDCC 15.1-13.25(1)(d) & (e)* Mr. Wible self-reported a DUI charge which was obtained in 1/2016. He is currently employed as a physical education instructor with Westhope Public Schools.

MARTIN, STEVEN

Ed Erickson provided an update on the Steven Martin file. Mr. Martin has not responded to signing his settlement agreement. A motion was made by Mike McNeff to continue disciplinary action, serve a formal complaint and move into administrative hearing/litigation. Second by Paul Stremick. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

HANAWALT, BRIAN

Ed Erickson provided an update on the Brian Hanawalt file. Mr. Hanawalt has not signed the settlement agreement to the conditions. No license will be issued because he has not agreed to the conditions, a letter of denial will be sent. *ND Adm Code 67.1-02-02-06*

Board education was provide by Janet Welk on the types of licenses that are can be issued by the Board. ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) there is no specific language regarding licensure. Since ESPB licenses and regulates teachers and administrators in the state, another board education segment was done by Janet regarding disciplinary action against a license. A complaint can be filed by a citizen against a licensed educator or the Board can initiate proceedings against a licensed educator. The ruling falls under Professional Practices *NDCC 15.1-13-24 & ND Adm Code 67.1-01-01-02(4)*

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Mari Fridgen presented board education information on the various plans on file including kindergarten, ELL, Teaching Alternative Flexibility Endorsement (TAFE), and middle school pedagogical endorsements. These plans on file were allowed thru NCLB (No Child Left Behind). Plans on file are allowed for endorsements and minor/major equivalencies. Special education plans on file will be addressed at the March meeting.

A motion was made by Dinah Goldenberg approving the **January 2016 minutes, January 2016 financial/licensure report** and the **director's evaluation**. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members that voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. The January **financial report** showed \$64,793.56 income received \$62,283.86 in total expense with a net income of \$2,509.70. The **licensure** report showed 944 total licenses issued.

Board members were asked review the subcommittee opportunities. Board member selections will be submitted to Mary Eldredge-Sandbo for subcommittee assignments. Janet Welk explained what the subcommittee's do, how often they meet, etc.

An ETS multistate standard-setting technical report, **Praxis test** was provided for **English to Speakers of Other Languages, ESOL, test 5362**. A motion was made by Mike McNeff to approve the recommended cut score of **155**. Second by Carly Feiler. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

The Board had an opportunity to view the first submitted report of the Qualtric Proposal.

Dinah Goldenberg reported on the work being done on the executive director position. The Search Committee had met to develop tasks, recommendations and timelines. Dinah and Mike McNeff did meet with the office staff for possible input, ideas, etc. The Search Committee will have a conference call on Tuesday February 16, will meet with Janet Welk on Monday February 29 and meet again on Wednesday, March 9.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Vice-Chair

Secretary/Executive Director