

MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Fort Totten Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Chair Carly Retterath. Board members present were Jessica Rush, Bob Toso, Karen Christensen, Kim Belgarde, Brenda Tufte, Carly Retterath and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler. Andrea Fox joined by conference call. Board members absent were Mike McNeff, Dinah Goldenberg, and Ben Johnson.

Also present were Amy Folkestad, Becky Pitkin, and Mari Riehl from ESPB, Erin Jacobson from Teacher Support System, Marlys Baker from Department of Human Services, Gail Schauer from DPI, Tonya Greywind, Matt Lonn, and Jill Daignault from ND Center for Distance Education, Andrea Dulski-Bucholz from Mayville State University, Fern Pokorny from NDUnited, Blair Emerson from The Bismarck Tribune, and Edward Erickson from the Attorney General's office.

Introductions were held.

Additions to the Agenda – Items to be added to the agenda are the Executive Director evaluation and Becky's attendance at the AACTE conference. All voted in favor of adding these items to the agenda. None opposed. Motion carried. Two additional administrative cases are also ready for review, but will need to be tabled until next month as there are not enough Administrative Board members present at the meeting.

January Minutes, License, and Financial Report – The January 2018 financial report showed \$86,018.27 in total income received, \$82,716.16 in total expenses, with a net income of \$23,302.11. The January 2018 licensure report showed 1112 total licenses issued.

All voted in favor of accepting the January minutes, license, and financial reports. None opposed. Motion carried.

AACTE Conference – Karen Christensen made a motion to allow Becky to attend the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Annual Meeting in Baltimore in March, where Stacy Duffield from NDSU will be receiving the AACTE Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education. Motion seconded by Bob Toso. Board members who voted in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Andrea Fox, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Department of Human Services – Marlys Baker – The Board was called into executive session at 9:11am. The topic/purpose for the executive session was for Ms. Baker to provide information on a confidential child abuse/neglect report. The executive session ended at 9:23am. (NDCC 44-04-19.1)

Executive Director Evaluation – Board Chair Carly Retterath will be sending out the evaluation materials to Board members and a survey to office staff to collect information for the Executive Director Evaluation. She will compile results and have them available

for presentation at the March Board meeting.

Teacher Support System (TSS) – Erin Jacobson from TSS presented on current enrollment in the mentoring program, including the number of school districts participating. Currently, 78% of all teachers that have been mentored in the TSS mentoring program are still teaching during the 2017-2018 school year. TSS has started to review training materials and will be making changes in response to feedback received. Erin will be posting the Assistant Coordinator job by February. She is hoping to interview and hire by April with a start date of July 1.

Distance Learning Endorsement – Tonya Greywind, Matt Lonn, and Jill Daignault from ND Center for Distance Education and Dr. Andrea Dulski-Bucholz from Mayville State University presented to the Board about an Online Teaching Endorsement. Board members provided feedback to the group and Becky recommended they take the endorsement proposal to PAAC for approval.

CASES

Kittelson, Miranda – After hearing information provided by Marlys Baker from Department of Human Services (DHS) earlier in the meeting, Attorney Edward Erickson has attempted to contact the DHS attorney that handled the case when Ms. Kittelson challenged being placed on the child abuse/neglect registry. ESPB's standard for licensure is probable cause, as is the standard for the child abuse/neglect index. Karen Christensen made a motion to table the case until further information is received. Motion seconded by Bob Toso. Board members who voted in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Andrea Fox, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director's Report – At the January meeting, the Board voted to send a Request for Inquiry to Jason Brandt at Children's Montessori School in Fargo for placing a teacher in the classroom who did not hold a valid teaching license. Mr. Brandt is not a licensed educator, which is allowed for non-public schools, so a Request for Inquiry cannot be filed.

Becky continues to work with institutions to prepare for CAEP/State accreditation visits. Four universities will have visits in Fall 2018. Board workday will be in April. Becky will provide topics in March for the Board to consider. Alternate Access subcommittee has rescheduled their meeting for February 27th.

Policy Committee Report – ESPB had received feedback on our customer service survey about clarifying survey questions. Policy committee has met and refined questions.

Board member reports

NDACTE –

- NDSU Education Professor Stacy Duffield has been selected for the 2018 AACTE Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education. This is one of the highest honors the national organization awards. She will receive her award at the AACTE National Conference in Baltimore March 1-3.
- In January of 2018, the Commission of the American Association of Teacher Education issued proclamations for effective clinical educator preparation. It published 10 proclamations for effective clinical preparation address topics from pedagogy to partnership infrastructure to valuing expertise. The commission is made up of 40 individuals representing PK-12 schools, universities and education organizations. The report can be found at: <https://aacte.org/professional-development-and-events/clinical-practice-commission-press-conference#commission-members>.
- The commission just launched has a task force on clinical practice in special education as part of their continuous improvement.

Non-Public Schools – Association of Non-Public Schools is working to reach out to schools around the state to increase and solidify membership.

School Boards Association – Negotiations seminar today and tomorrow.

NDUnited – Leadership conference in Washington DC this weekend. They are working on institute for this summer. Many PD opportunities being updated and offered. Delegate assembly will be this Spring.

DPI – DPI is continuing work on their objectives and initiatives for their strategic plan. Administrative Rules are being implemented this spring for the updated student loan forgiveness plan. Aggregate data on teacher evaluations is being collected. This will help DPI deliver funds to districts to help teachers improve.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52am