

## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

Radisson, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by vice-chair, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. Board members who attended were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Others who attended the meeting were Diane Weber and Janet Welk from ESPB, Sandra DePountis from the AG's Office, Gisele Thorson and Geoff Greenwood for ND United, Brent Bautz from Richardton-Taylor Public Schools and Terry Tucker, director of West River Special Education Unit in Dickinson.

Board member, Tim Tausend, did not attend the meeting.

Items added to the agenda were case files Lisa Beine, Dustin Savageau, Megan Wawryk, Carlie Wilson and Brad Zachow.

A legislative social was held on Wednesday night. Approximately 13 legislative representatives attended. An invitation was given to the members of the legislature who served on the Education Committee who were/are educators.

## **CASES**

### **BEINE, LISA**

A motion was made by Paul Stremick to grant an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller and Paul Stremick. Board members who voted no were Kim Belgarde and Gary Thompson. Karen Christensen did not vote. Ms. Beine's license was before the Board due to here background check.

### **FRANK, LUKE**

Mr. Luke's license was before the Board for potential violation for teaching without a license. *NDCC 15.1013017 & 15.1013025(1)(j)* A motion was made by Paul Stremick to proceed with formal disciplinary action against his license and offer a settlement agreement of \$100 fine. Second by Kim Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted in yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. The Board asked the office to contact Mr. Hirning, the superintendent, to provide an explanation as to why Mr. Frank was teaching while not holding a license.

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**FROST, MICHELLE**

Ms. Frost's license was before the Board due to her background check. A motion was made by Kim Belgarde to not issue the initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Frost's license was denied because of convicted offenses having a direct bearing on her ability to serve as a teacher and not having been sufficiently rehabilitated. *NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(d) & (e) and ND Adm Code 67.1-02-02-06(3)*

**GABRIEL, KENNETH**

Mr. Gabriel's license expired on December 27, 2014, no action was taken by the Board. If Mr. Gabriel would attempt to renew his license, the request will need to go before the Board. Mr. Gabriel's license was before the Board for a theft by deception charge for which he is still on probation for. He was formerly employed with Bismarck Public Schools as physical education teacher.

**HAZEN, CAROL**

Gary Thompson made the motion to grant an initial, five-year other state educator license. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller and Gary Thompson. Paul Stremick was not present when the voting took place. Ms. Hazen's license was before the Board due to here background check.

**KARHOFF, DEIDRE**

Amy Mann made the motion to grant an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Karhoff's license was before the Board because she checked yes to question 3, section two of the online application.

**MARJERISON, IVER**

A motion was made by Mike McNeff to have Mr. Marjerison explain both charges (February 15 and February 21, 2013). Second by Laura Mihalicki. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Marjerison is seeking an initial, interim one-year sub license.

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**OLAGOKI, OLASUPO**

A motion was made by Paul Stremick to grant an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Kim Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Olagoki's license was before the Board due to his background check.

**OLSON, BETSY**

A letter of appeal was submitted to the Board. Ms. Olson holds a two-year OSEL and is licensed in elementary education. She has passed the secondary PLT and English Praxis. Janet will contact Ms. Olson regarding adding the tests to her license. Ms. Olson is employed with New Rockford-Sheyenne Public Schools.

**PAUL, KRISTI**

Karen made the motion to grant an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Amy Mann. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Paul's license request was before the Board due to her background check.

**POHLMAN, ELIZABETH**

Ms. Pohlman's California license is being reviewed. A motion was made by Karen Christensen to issue another 40-day license. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Pohlman's file was before the Board due to her background check.

**RISK, RONI**

A motion was made by Paul Stremick to dismiss. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms Risk's license was before the Board for teaching out-of-field at Upper Valley Special Education in Grafton.

**SAVAGEAU, DUSTIN**

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to grant an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mike McNeff voted no. Mr. Savageau's license request was before the Board due to his background check.

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**WAWRYK, MEAGAN**

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to grant an initial, in-state license. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Wawryk's license was before the Board due to her background check.

**WILSON, CARLIE**

Gary Thompson again made the motion to grant an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Kim Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Wilson's license request was before the Board due to her background check.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CASE**

**BECKMAN, PAT**

Paul Stremick made the motion to dismiss. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Administrative board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick and Paul Stremick. Mr. Beckman's license was before the administrative board for placing a teacher in the classroom who was not qualified. Mr. Beckman is the principal for Richardton-Taylor Public Schools.

**ZACHOW, BRAD**

Laura Mihalick made the motion to dismiss. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Administrative board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick and Paul Stremick. Mr. Zachow's license was before the administrative board for placing a teacher in the classroom who was not qualified. He is employed with Circle of Nations of Schools in Wahpeton as the principal.

Karen Christensen made the motion approving the **December, 2014 minutes**. Second by Kim Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

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Again, Karen Christensen made the motion approving the **December, 2014 financial statement and licensure/endorsement report**. Gary Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Board members who were in favor were Kim Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. The December financial report showed \$97,422.86 in revenue, \$54,721.01 in expenses with a net income of \$42,701.85. The licensure report showed 676 total licenses/endorsements issued.

Janet Welk indicated that she will be monitor bills for the 64<sup>th</sup> session. A request has been submitted for \$120,000 for National Board and \$2,415,000 for Teacher Support. The Governor's Office requested a proposal to grow the program. The Governor's budget included an extra \$700,000. Our landlord, Bill Shalhoob, has indicated ESPB will be able to rent the second level on the east side of the building sometime in March/April, 2015. The cost will be \$13 a square foot and with a two-year lease.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 am.

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Chair

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Secretary/Executive Director