

## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

Sakakawea Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by board chair, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. Board members who attended were Kimberly Belgrade, Karen Christensen, 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, Sandra DePountis and Edward Erickson from the Attorney General's Office, Patti Barrett from ND United, Amy Copas, Jon Martinson and Anita Thomas from ND Council of Educational Leaders and Gail Schauer from the Department of Public Instruction.

Laura Mihalick did not attend the meeting. Carly Feiler and Amy Mann did not attend the meeting after lunch.

Introductions were held.

Additional board cases were added to the agenda: Kristin Cochran and Andrew Foss. This meeting was Sandra DePountis' last time working with the Board. Edward Erickson has been assigned as the attorney replacement. Mary Eldredge-Sandbo thanked Sandra three years of service and guidance working with the Board.

Sandy DePountis provided a brief summary of open records laws, citizen complaints, executive sessions, notice of committee meetings, etc.

As was suggested by board members, Janet Welk and Edward Erickson will be working on developing summaries for each case. Edward will then provide case options and suggested motion language for each case. The summaries and options will be sent to each board member prior the board meetings.

## **CASES**

### **BORGEN, JODIE**

A motion was made by Kimberly Belgrade to proceed with formal disciplinary action to revoke Ms. Borgen's teaching license. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgrade, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Oberon Public School reported that Ms. Borgen pled guilty to two Class A felonies and was placed on probation for two-years. *NDCC 15.1.13-25(1)(c)(d)&(e)*

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**COCHRAN, KRISTIN**

Karen Christensen made a motion to issue a probationary license with the following conditions:

1. Comply with all laws/rules of the state related to the profession of teaching
2. Notify the Board immediately if she violates any of the laws/rules

Second by Amy Mann. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. *NDCC 15.1-13-25 (1)(d) & (e) ND Adm. Code 67.1-02-02-06(04)*

**DESLAURIERS, MARISSA**

A motion was made by Dinah Goldenberg to have Ms. Deslauriers respond to the request for inquiry, proceed with disciplinary action by offering a settlement agreement to surrender her license and table any further Board action until the February, 2016 meeting. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Board members Kimberly Belgarde and Mike McNeff voted no. *NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)*

**FLORES, ABERLARDO**

Karen Christensen made a motion to dismiss and have the office write a letter to Mr. Flores regarding the seriousness of teaching without a current license. Second by Carly Feiler. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Amy Mann has did not vote. Mr. Flores' license was before the Board due to a possible fine. He is employed at Christ the King Elementary School in Mandan as a music instructor.

**FOSS, ANDREW**

Kimberly Belgarde made the motion to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Foss's license request was before the Board due to his background check.

**GERVING, TANIA**

A motion was made by Kimberly Belgarde to ask Ms. Gerving to respond to the charge and table till outcome of the trial. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Gerving's license was before the Board because she is facing a felony theft charge. She was employed with Bismarck Public

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Schools as a special education instructor

**KNIGHT, DANIEL**

Gary Thompson made the motion to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Knight's license application was before the Board due to his background check.

**PETERSON, DARYL**

A motion was made by Karen Christensen to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Peterson's license application was before the Board due to his background check.

**PETTERSON, JAMIE**

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Dinah Goldenberg. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Petterson's license application was before the Board due to his background check.

**REYES, JONILYNN**

Mike McNeff made the motion to issue an initial, out-of-state reciprocal license. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Ms. Reyes' license application was before the Board due to her background check.

**SPANTON, TYLER**

Carly Feiler made the motion to issue an initial, one-year sub license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Spanton's license application was before the Board due to his background check.

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### **SPENCER, JONATHAN**

A motion was made by Mike McNeff to table until the outcome of the trial and to contact Belfield Public Schools to see if Mr. Spencer is currently employed with the school. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Dinah Goldenberg, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Mr. Spencer's license application was before the Board due his background check.

A motion was made by Karen Christensen to approve the **December 2015 minutes**. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

Mike McNeff made the motion approving the **December 2015 financial report and licensure report**. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. The December 2015 financial report showed income of \$41,228.41, with \$66,588.87 in expense and a minus \$25,360.46 in net income. Total number of licenses and endorsements issued for the month showed 652.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) does not have specific language for North Dakota educator's license. Janet Welk provided history of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), 1960 major/minor law history and distributed binders which included our laws and administrative rules. At every board meeting until June, time will be spent drafting licensure law for public input prior to the legislation bill draft in December, 2016.

The Board had an opportunity to review the customer satisfaction survey December 2015 quarterly results.

Mary Eldredge-Sandbo reviewed the director's 2015 evaluation responses. Mary thanked Janet Welk for her years of service to ESPB. Janet did inform the board of her plans to retire at the end of December, 2016. A motion was made by Dinah Goldenberg seconded by Mike McNeff to form a subcommittee to work on replacement plans for the position. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. The subcommittee consists of Dinah Goldenberg (chair), Gary Thompson, Karen Christianson and Mike McNeff.

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Gary Thompson brought forth recommendations from the PAAC meeting which was held on Monday, January 11. Gary made the motion to accept **Turtle Mountain Community College** INTASC standard that was not met, Standard 2: Assessment System and Unit Evaluation. The Early Childhood program had many areas that were met with weakness, but to approve report as written. A focus visit will be done at Turtle Mountain Community College in 3 years. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Gary informed the group that **Mayville State University CAEP Report** Accreditation is continued, with the next visit to be Spring 2020. Kimberly Belgarde made the motion to accept PAAC's recommendation of approving **Valley City State University Master of Arts Program**. Second by Mike McNeff. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

Gary made the motion to accept the PAAC recommendation of the **Qualtric Proposal** to pay Dr. Stacy Duffield, NDSU, \$5000 yearly to administer the three surveys and ask that reports be submitted to ESPB on a yearly basis. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

Gary made the motion to accept the PAAC recommendation for the **CAEP Agreement**. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Dinah Goldenberg, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson.

Gary Thompson informed the group of CAEP Training Conference which will be held in Kanas on July 17. Janet Welk encouraged board member to check their calendars and take advantage of this opportunity to be trained to program approval standards reviews for other states.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary/Executive Director