

MINUTES

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Holiday Inn, Bismarck, North Dakota

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by board chair, Tim Tausend. Board members who attended were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick and Gary Thompson. Others who attended the meeting were Amy Folkestad, Diane Weber and Janet Welk from ESPB, Kirsten Baesler and Gwen Marback from DPI, Sandra DePountis from the AG's Office, Fern Pokorny from ND United and Kathy Pruner from ETS.

Board members who were unable to attend were Mary Eldredge-Sandbo and Mike McNeff.

Introductions were held.

Carly Leslie and Frederick Weiss were added to the agenda cases.

Karen Christensen made the motion to approve the **May, 2015 minutes**. Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson.

A motion was made by Gary Thompson approving the **April/May 2015 financial and licensure reports**. Second by Amy Mann. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. The April financial report showed \$53,407.89 total income received, total expenses \$57,369.65 with a minus net income of \$3,961.76. The May financial report showed \$51,107.73 in total income received, \$105,203.75 in total expenses with a minus net income of \$54,096.02. The April licensure report showed 749 licenses issued. The May licensure report showed 825 total licenses issued. Janet Welk informed the group more licenses to out-of-state applicants are being issued than to in-state applicants.

The 2015 budget was not reviewed nor approved at this time or scheduling of the board calendar due to not having all board members present. These two items will be placed on the August agenda.

Janet Welk informed the group she has not heard comments from our satisfaction survey. The survey is posted on our website, staff signature block and individuals are informed of the survey when contacting our office via phone.

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A Retention and Retaining Taskforce has been created. The group will be meeting on August 3 prior to the board meeting. The Board will take care of reimbursing the out-of-town participant expenses, such as mileage, lodging and meals. The out-of-town participants will consist of 7-9 members.

Kathy Pruner from ETS visited with the group. All states are testing in some capacity. Many states have set the same expectations, a license test that the state has adopted that is nationally recognized to being valid and trustworthy. Alternate programs vary widely across the United States. Nationally, teacher shortages are everywhere. The group also had a chance to listen to an ETS staff member who is developing a course or unit on code of ethics, ethical decision making, teacher/student boundaries, etc.

The Board did not have an opportunity to view the ND Teach demonstration, online license process.

Much discussion was done on the office practice and procedures on how cases should be brought to the Board. At what point, should the Board be made aware of teachers and administrators to be placed on the agenda? More discussion will be held at the August board meeting. It was suggested our attorney, Sandy DePountis, be present during this segment of discussion.

CASES

BARNUM, MICHAEL

Mr. Barnum no longer holds a sub license, therefore no action was be taken by the Board. Jeff Schatz, Superintendent at Fargo Public Schools notified the office in May, 2014 but did not follow up with any documentation. The Board requested the office flag Mr. Barnum's file in the event he would renew a license.

ERICKSON, JOLENE

No board action required, case resolved.

GLATZER, JOSEPH

A motion was made by Gary Thompson to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Mr. Glatzer's request for a license was before the Board due to his background check.

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KOLOSKY, AMANDA

Kimberly Belgarde made the motion to obtain more information from her employing school and table till the August meeting. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in favor were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Ms. Kolosky is currently being held at the Morton County Correctional Center for allegations of a sexual relationship with a male student. Ms. Kolosky is a special education teacher with Mandan Public Schools.

LESLIE, CARLY

A motion was made by Paul Stremick to issue an initial, two-year teaching license. Second by Kim Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Ms. Leslie's license application was before the Board due to her background check. While she is holding a license, the Board is asking the office to check the courts in August 2016 and August 2017.

QUALLS, REBECCA

The Board was called into executive session at 12:17 pm. The topic/purpose for the executive session to discuss a confidential child abuse/neglect report. The executive session adjourned at 12:44 pm. *NDCC 44-04-19.1* Paul Stremick made the motion to contact her current employer regarding Ms. Qualls' performance reviews and for a letter of explanation from Ms. Qualls. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Ms. Qualls is employed with the Mott/Regent Public Schools as an elementary teacher. The Board was reviewing her license due a Child Protection Services Assessment Report.

STATHIS, TIMOTHY

Paul Stremick made the motion to issue an initial, five-year OSEL. Second by Karen Christensen. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Mr. Stathis license request was before the Board due to his background check.

TEMBI, FRANCOIS

Karen Christensen made the motion to issue an initial, interim one-year sub license. Second by Gary Thompson. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Mr. Tembi's license request was before the Board due to his background check.

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WEISS, FREDERICK

A motion was made by Amy Mann to issue an out-of-state reciprocal license with the following conditions:

- 1 Comply with all laws/rules related to the profession of teaching and
- 2 To immediately self-report any violations of the law/rules related to the profession.

Second by Kimberly Belgarde. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Amy Mann, Laura Mihalick, Loni Miller, Paul Stremick, Tim Tausend and Gary Thompson. Mr. Weiss' license request was before the Board due to his background check. *NDCC 15.1-13-252(1)(d)(3) & ND Adm. Code 67.1-02-02-06(4)*

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE

JOHNSON, GREG

A motion was made by Karen Christensen to offer an informal settlement agreement of a \$250 fine because he knowingly placed two individuals in the classroom without the proper qualifications. Second by Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Administrative board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Laura Mihalick, Paul Stremick and Tim Tausend. Mr. Johnson is employed with Hettinger Public Schools as the administrator. *NDCC 15.1-13-25(1)(i)&(j)*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Chair

Secretary/Executive Director