

MINUTES – Board Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Video Conference

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chair Carly Retterath. Board members present by video conference were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso, Brenda Tufte, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.

Board member Mike McNeff was absent.

Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Assistant Director Mari Riehl and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, Allyson Hicks from Attorney General's Office, Amy Jacobson, and Amy Flicek. Erin Jacobson and Marijke Leibel from Teacher Support System, Katherine Terras and Shawn Huss joined at 8:55am.

Introductions were held.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda – A case for Debra Taylor will be added to the agenda. No other additions or changes. Bob Toso made motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Andrea Fox. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to Ratify May Licensure List – Kathy Lentz made a motion to ratify the May licensure list. Seconded by Jessica Rush. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

CASES

Behrens, Adrienne – Ms. Behrens has submitted a request to be removed from the agenda, as she is no longer seeking a license. No action taken.

Driscoll-Black, Emily – Ms. Driscoll-Black's file was reviewed by the Board, as she was teaching without a valid license. Bob Toso made a motion to fine Ms. Driscoll-Black \$250 and add her administrator, Julie Quamme, to the administrative subcommittee agenda for the August meeting. Motion seconded by Andrea Fox. Board members who voted yes were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Lavelle, Paula – Ms. Lavelle's file was reviewed after she self-disclosed a background offense on her application for renewal. Andrea Fox made motion to approve the issuance of a license. Seconded by Brenda Tufte. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Limke, Garth – Mr. Limke's file was reviewed for teaching without a valid license. Kathy Lentz made motion to fine Mr. Limke \$250 and add his administrator, Terry Baesler, to the administrative subcommittee agenda for the August meeting. Motion seconded by Bob Toso. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso,

and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Taylor, Debra – Ms. Taylor’s file was reviewed after she self-disclosed a background offense on her application for renewal. Andrea Fox made a motion to approve issuance of Ms. Taylor’s renewal. Motion seconded by Patti Stedman. Board members who voted yes were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Special Meeting Minutes, PAAC Minutes, May Minutes, License, and Financial Report –

PAAC – Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College had their accreditation rescinded at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. They presented new materials to PAAC in May and have hired a consultant to help them with the accreditation process. PAAC would like to see evidence of what they’ve done over the summer and will have NHSC come back to show this at the August PAAC meeting.

The May 2020 financial report showed \$55,720.39 in total income received, \$66,397.07 in total expenses, with a net income of minus \$10,676.68. The May 2020 licensure report documented 615 items issued. This number includes background checks, endorsements, late fees, and application fees.

Andrea Fox made a motion to accept the PAAC minutes, Special Meeting minutes, May minutes, license, and financial report. Seconded by Patti Stedman. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

2020-2021 Budget – Becky reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 budget, which is very similar to the previous budget. Hoping programming costs are lower for the next year. The proposed budget was approved to go forward by the budget subcommittee. Patti Stedman made motion to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Bob Toso. Board members who voted yes were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

2020-2021 Meeting Dates – The Board reviewed possible dates for 2020-2021 meetings. ESPB meeting dates will be September 10, October 8, November 19, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10.

At this time, the August 2020 retreat will be cancelled and ESPB regular meeting will be held August 13, 2020. Ben Johnson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 meeting dates. Motion seconded by Patti Stedman. Board members who voted in favor were Andrea Fox, Ben Johnson, Kathy Lentz, Carly Retterath, Jessica Rush, Joshua Standing Elk, Patti Stedman, Bob Toso, and Brenda Tufte. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director's Report – The office continues to operate as usual and employees are back in the office.

ETS began an in-home proctoring option for Praxis tests in May and testing centers in Bismarck, West Fargo, and Minot have re-opened.

Becky will be presenting on the Model Code of Ethics at the NDCEL virtual conference in June and at the School Board Association conference in October.

Ben Johnson left the meeting at 8:40am and joined again at 9:40am.

Teacher Support System – Opened enrollment for mentoring May 11, and as of June 10, 157 first-year teachers have been enrolled. A little over half of mentors are repeat mentors. TSS is planning to do all 20-21 training online.

The Interim Education Policy Committee meeting has been rescheduled to July 2nd. TSS has been asked to report on their funding and estimate what it would cost to offer a second year of mentoring.

Joshua Standing Elk left the meeting at 8:55am.

Board Education – Model Code of Ethics video is being edited and will be show for the Board when it's completed.

Para to Practice Pipeline – Special education has continued to be a hard to fill position. A draft of the proposal has been provided to the Board and the task force is seeking feedback. Much of this is modeled after the SLP paraprofessional model. Changing the title to technician will help step away from the over-used term of paraprofessional.

Task force is looking at mechanisms to train and keep people in communities that are already there and provide them quality training to help schools address needs. Superintendent Baesler recommended that the group look at the guarantee of quality in the program and what's the overall cost will be. Everything would have to go through appropriations and legislators will ask this.

Board can revisit at August or September meeting after more feedback is gathered.

Board Member Reports

NDACTE –

- NDACTE members recently participated in MTSS training
- Many ND universities are members of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements to improve coordination between states for

post-secondary distance ed opportunities. It's open to all degree granting institutions – our discussion centered around managing and updating it.

- We have explored a new accreditation agency AAQEP (The Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Programs) as a possible alternative to CAEP. We are still learning and discussing, but the consensus was that for now in its current state, it doesn't meet our needs but we will continue to explore.

Association of Non-Public Schools – Nothing to report.

Association of School Administrators – Virtual summer conference being held next week.

School Boards Association – Haven't met, so nothing to report.

NDUnited – NDUnited has 47 book studies running June-May. Topics include: classroom management, child trauma, LGBTQ, mindfulness, student success, social and racial justice, diversity, and leadership.

DPI – Next week there is a Legislative Management Interim Budget Committee meeting. They will be examining South Dakota's school funding formula and looking at schools in North Dakota that would not qualify for funding under this model. The goal is to get everyone on formula. Discussion on weighted funding. This topic has been chosen as a study. At the end of that day, DPI will provide information on how school districts are spending money they are receiving from state, local, and federal funding. DPI is required to report this information under ESSA and has been a 2-year project to implement.

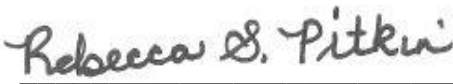
DPI will be working with a group to establish a re-entry plan for schools this fall. Includes DHS, Department of Emergency Services, Department of Health, ect. DPI would like to have guidance established sooner rather than later.

DPI's Smart Restart plan has now been aligned to the Governor's color-coded levels of Smart Restart. Has been sent to K-12 accreditation council for review.

Bootcamp in August will be offered in a hybrid model. Participants will be able to meet face to face, but will also be available virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59am.


Chair


Secretary/Executive Director