MINUTES – Special Meeting Friday, March 1, 2024 Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chair Cory Steiner. Board members present by video conference were Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Deb Follman, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Kathy Lentz, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner. Superintendent Kirsten Baesler was absent.

Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, and Annique Lockard and Mark Openshaw from Office of Attorney General.

Vetter, John – Mr. Vetter has been charged with offenses where if he's convicted, would require the revocation of his license under NDCC 15.1-13-26. Assistant Attorney General Annique Lockard said the only change that has occurred in the past day is that Mr. Vetter is now represented by an attorney. Procedure in the past has been for the board to offer a settlement agreement to suspend the license and if the individual is convicted of any offenses based on the underlying facts of the case that his license be permanently revoked under NDCC 15.1-13-25.

Evan Kritzberger made a motion to issue settlement agreement to suspend Mr. Vetter's license immediately. If he pleads or is found guilty of any charge based on the underlying facts of the case his license would immediately be revoked. Motion seconded by Patti Stedman. Evan said his motion is consistent with what's been done in the past and the evidence is pretty clear. Board members who voted yes were Jenny Bladow, Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Deb Follman, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Kathy Lentz, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10am.

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