

MINUTES – Special Meeting

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:04am by Patti Stedman. Board members present by video conference were Jenny Bladow, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Kathy Lentz, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.


Board members Siri Coleman, Amber Fridley, Deb Follman, and Cory Steiner were absent.

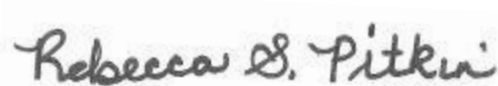
Also present were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Assistant Director Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, and Allyson Hicks and Mark Openshaw from Office of Attorney General.

Knutson, Eric – Mr. Knutson’s file is being reviewed by the board after a Request for Inquiry was received stating he was discharged for cause from Bishop Ryan Catholic School. Attorney Allyson Hicks reviewed the options the board has. Since a Request for Inquiry has been filed the board could give him the normal 20 days to respond or could initiate a settlement agreement immediately. Allyson recommends that the board move forward with the normal Request for Inquiry process and allow Mr. Knutson the opportunity to respond, with the hope that the response is received by the April meeting date. Between now and then, if the board learns that charges are filed they can then choose to issue a settlement agreement. Mr. Knutson will continue to have a valid license until a settlement agreement is signed and action is taken against his license.

Evan Kritzberger made a motion to request Mr. Knutson’s response to the Request for Inquiry. Motion seconded by Jenny Bladow. Board members who voted yes were Jenny Bladow, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Kathy Lentz, Angela Nagel, and Patti Stedman. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16am.


Chair


Secretary/Executive Director