

## **MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 12, 2016**

Peace Garden Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

Introductions were held.

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 9:09am by board chair, Mary Eldredge-Sando. Board members who attended were Karen Christensen, Kim Belgarde, Gary Thompson, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Paul Stremick, and Laura Mihalick. Also attending the meeting were Edward Erickson from the Attorney General's office, Bob Marthaller and Gail Schauer from DPI, Janet Welk and Amy Folkestad from ESPB, Timothy Stathis, Patty Barrette from ND United, Doreen Ottemueller, Donna Ellison, and Justin Vinje.

Board member Dinah Goldenberg was not present at the meeting.

Change to agenda are to add William Harrison, Devon Drawz, and Lindsey Voeltz as cases. Other items added to the agenda are personnel in Teacher Support, computer support and the June meeting date. Karen Christensen made a motion to add the additional agenda items. Seconded by Kim Belgarde. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried.

## **CASES**

**Denning, Tina** – Gary Thompson made a motion to grant an interim substitute license. Seconded by Mike McNeff. Board members who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Ms. Denning's file was reviewed by the board due to her background check.

**Jelle-Ray, Cindy** – Kimberly Belgarde made a motion to offer a settlement agreement to revoke Ms. Jelle-Ray's license. Seconded by Paul Stremick. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Ms. Jelle-Ray's file was reviewed by the board due to a Request for Inquiry filed by Tate Topa Tribal School. If Ms. Jelle-Ray does not respond to the settlement agreement, board attorney Edward Erickson will begin the litigation process.

**Norton, Richard** – Paul Stremick made a motion to grant a Initial 2-year Other State Educator License. Seconded by Gary Thompson. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Mr. Norton's file was reviewed by the board due to his background check.

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**Thorpe, Piper** – Mike McNeff made a motion to offer a settlement agreement to revoke Ms. Thorpe's teaching license. Seconded by Kimberly Belgarde. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Carly Feiler abstained from voting. Motion carried. Ms. Thorpe's file was reviewed by the board due to a Request for Inquiry file by Kulm Public Schools.

**Winchester, Lisa** – Paul Stremick made a motion to grant an Initial Interim Substitute License. Seconded by Carly Feiler. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Ms. Winchester's file was reviewed by the board due to her background check.

**Drawz, Devon** – Gary Thompson made a motion to dismiss the case and issue Initial 2-year Other State Educator License. Seconded by Kimberly Belgarde. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Ms. Draws's file was reviewed by the board due to her background check.

**Harrison, William** – Mike McNeff made a motion to grant a Out-of-State Reciprocal License. Seconded by Carly Feiler. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Mr. Harrison's file was reviewed by the board due to his background check.

**Voeltz, Lindsey** – Paul Stremick made a motion to offer a settlement agreement to revoke Ms. Voeltz's license. Seconded by Carly Feiler. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Ms. Voeltz's file was reviewed by the board due to her school reporting her.

### **Administrative Cases**

**Soper, Charles** – Paul Stremick made a motion to revoke Mr. Soper's license. Seconded by Laura Mihalick. Board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick and Paul Stremick. Motion carried.

**Stathis, Timothy** – Karen Christensen made a motion to dismiss. Seconded by Paul Stremick. Board members who voted yes were Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo,

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Mike McNeff, Laura Mihalick, and Paul Stremick. Motion carried. Mr Stathis' contract with Griggs County Central School in Cooperstown was non-renewed.

**Executive Director Search Sub-Committee** – Mike McNeff reported on behalf of the Executive Director Search Sub-Committee. Interviews were conducted by the full board. Mike McNeff made a motion to offer the Executive Director position to Rebecca Pitkin, pending the release from her current contract and reference checks. Seconded by Karen Christensen. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. The board would like Ms. Pitkin to relocate to Bismarck within a year.

A motion was made by Kimberly Belgarde to accept the April minutes. Seconded by Paul Stremick. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried. Karen Christensen made a **motion to accept the financial and licensure reports**, seconded by Carly Feiler. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick.. Motion carried. The April 2016 financial report showed \$53,662.98 in total income received, \$78,526.06 in total expenses with a net income of minus \$24,863.08. The April 2016 licensure report showed 790 total licenses issued.

**Personnel Change in Teacher Support** –Glenda Kaiser has been hired to assist Laurie Stenehjem with the Teacher Support System. A motion was made by Mike McNeff to extend Glenda's temporary, part-time employment, seconded by Karen Christensen. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried.

**Computer Support** – Joe Schell has taken a new position in the Attorney General's office and will no longer be able to provide computer support to us. Support services can be obtained through ITD. Amy Mann made a motion to accept the change in computer support and move services to ITD. Seconded by Laura Mihalick. Board member who voted yes were Kimberly Belgarde, Karen Christensen, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Carly Feiler, Amy Mann, Mike McNeff, Paul Stremick, Gary Thompson and Laura Mihalick. Motion carried.

**Director's Report** – The June meeting will be moved to June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Board attorney Edward Erickson reported Diane's attorney Justin Vinje has indicated Diane

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will submit her voluntary resignation. The Board asked Janet and Edward Erickson to work with Diane Weber's attorney on the terms of resignation.

### **Board Member Reports**

**Teacher Education** – Deans and Chairs will be meeting on ESSA to develop recommendations for the board.

**School Administrators** – A focus group meeting was held to begin getting ready for legislative work. Administrators are working to collaborate with Human Services on a bill they would like to put together regarding children's mental/behavioral health.

**ND United** – North Dakota United has started getting ready for their national conference. NDU has been awarded a professional development grant that will target early educators. Part of this professional development will focus on professional practices. There are discussions to work with DPI on an instructional conference.

**DPI** – Recruitment and Retention Committee met and is looking to develop legislation to help attract people into the education profession and on teacher loan forgiveness. ESSA taskforce will be beginning work next week. Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirsten Baesler is out doing listening tours and has been getting questions about what will happen with the highly qualified definition and highly effective definition.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.

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Chair

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Secretary/Executive Director