MINUTES – Special Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Teams Meeting

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Board Chair Cory Steiner. Present by video conference were Jenny Bladow, Amber Fridley, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Sarah Lerud, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, Cory Steiner, and Superintendent Kirsten Baesler.

Board members Siri Coleman and Sheila Schlafmann 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.

Bowman, Joshua – At the September 2023 meeting the board voted to issue a settlement agreement to suspend Mr. Bowman's license until the outcome of his court case, with automatic revocation if he plead guilty, was found guilty, or plead nolo contender to any of the charges related to this case. He was charged with an offense that, if convicted, would require revocation of his license under NDCC 15.1-13-26. Mr. Bowman has been sentenced for contributing to the deprivation or delinquency of a minor, which stemmed from the underlying facts of the case.

Section 3 of article 3 of Mr. Bowman's settlement agreement were met. This would be a permanent revocation of his teaching license, which was agreed to in the settlement agreement. Patti Stedman made a motion to find that the terms of the settlement agreement were met under NDCC 15.1-13-25 (1)(b,c,j) and Administrative Code 67.1-03-01-02(3) and to permanently revoke Mr. Bowman's license. Motion seconded by Evan Kritzberger. Patti stated she feels it's clear that the terms of the original settlement agreement were met and revocation is necessary. Board members who voted yes were Jenny Bladow, Amber Fridley, Dustin Hager, Evan Kritzberger, Sarah Lerud, Angela Nagel, Patti Stedman, and Cory Steiner. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07am.

Chair

Secretary/Executive Director