

Ennen, Crystal – Ms. Ennen’s file is being reviewed due to a Request for Inquiry that was received from Fargo Public Schools due to potential breach of contract, in violation of NDCC 15.1-13-25(g).

Cory disclosed that he has a conflict, as this is from his district. He is choosing to recuse himself from this case. Cory asked Jenny to lead this portion of the meeting, in both Evan and Patti’s absence.

When the breach occurred Ms. Ennen had a valid license. Her license has since expired. Mark reviewed options – disciplinary action, dismiss, or table until the point that Ms. Ennen would apply for renewal. The downside of tabling is that Ms. Ennen could apply for licensure in another state and it wouldn’t be in the clearinghouse. Mark is hesitant with a settlement agreement, as Ms. Ennen may be hesitant to sign settlement agreement if she doesn’t have a valid license and this would lead to litigation. Jenny pointed out that Fargo Public Schools doesn’t have an option to cure the breach.

Dustin asked if the board tables until she reapplies, if that would be tracked in the ESPB office? Yes, it would. Mark reminded the board that when they make their motion and have their discussion, to include reasons/rationale for decision. Motion would be for disciplinary action, dismiss, or table.

Angela made a motion to table the case until Ms. Ennen reapplies. She said there’s one document that states her room was left in chaos, but another document that says she was checked out of her room and no mention of things remaining to do. Angela feels this can be addressed if she ever attempts to renew. Seconded by Dustin. He agrees with all Angela has said. Siri concurs with Angela – there was a list of items that would cure the breach and she was having a hard time finding information showing the breach wasn’t cured. She feels if Ms. Ennen ever renews it can be addressed at that time. Motion carried.



Opdahl, Angela – The next couple cases are related. Becky added that the order the documents are provided to the board are in the order they were received. DPI Individualized Learning is aware of this case and it’s also on their docket. Mark added a reminder that the board needs to concentrate on what is within ESPB’s scope.

Sheila asked if she should participate. She does not know this teacher, but does know the administrator in the case. Cory made a motion to allow Sheila to participate in this case. Seconded by Angela. Motion carried.

Siri asked for refresher of the code cited – 67.1-03-01-04 professional responsibilities, 67.1-03-01-04(2) – may not distort or misrepresent facts. Angela said that as a special education teacher, she feels the interpretation of the complaint is that the IEP notice was not sent to the parent, who is not the current legal guardian.

Siri made a motion to dismiss the case against Ms. Opdahl based on the fact that it doesn’t seem rights were violated, in reference to the citations presented to the board. Seconded by Sarah. Siri doesn’t believe there is evidence to support the proposed violations. Sarah doesn’t think any rights were violated. She link to the meeting was