

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE  
Thursday, June 14, 2012  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck ND

Mr. Chairman and members of the Administrative Rules Committee, I am Janet Welk, executive director of the Education Standards and Practices Board and wish to testify on the rules published in the July 2012 supplement to the North Dakota Administrative Code.

This rule change resulted from the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly and other needed changes to facilitate schools and districts securing qualified teachers. The rules procedure used in adopting the rules included:

- 1) The Letter of Intent to Amend Rules to the Legislative Council on September 26, 2011;
- 2) Publication with the North Dakota Newspaper Association October 6-12, 2011;
- 3) A public hearing on November 7, 2011 at the Education Standards and Practices Board office at 2718 Gateway Avenue, Suite 303, Bismarck, ND; Mike Bitz and Mike Heilman, Board Members attended as well as Dakota Draper, NDEA, attended.

- 4) Written public comment period until November 21, 2011 with no written comments received;
- 5) Education Standards and Practices Board review and discussion of legislative concerns November 10, 2011; December 8, 2011; January 12, 2012; and February 9, 2012.
- 6) Education Standards and Practices Board joint meetings with representatives from the Department of Public Instruction and Special Education Directors November 10, 2011; December 8, 2011; January 12, 2012; and February 9, 2012.
- 7) Legislative/educator joint meetings with the Education Standards and Practices Board on January 11, 2012 and April 12, 2012.
- 8) Administrative Rules Committee presentation requesting elimination of obsolete rules.
- 9) Examination by the Attorney General's Office with an opinion of the rules being in compliance received April 25, 2012; and
- 10) Final submission for review and publication on the North Dakota Administrative Code with the Legislative Council on April 26, 2012.

This rule is not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000 and there was no regulatory analysis completed.

The approximately cost of giving public notice, holding hearings, computer programming, and staff time is approximately \$3,500.

If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer questions at this time. Thank you for your time and consideration given these rule changes.