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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D11-06-030
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SEAN MILLS)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 333956A)	OF SUSPENSION
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COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington, having reviewed the file of the above-referenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby suspend the Washington Education Certificate No. 333956A, of Sean Mills for eighteen (18) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sean Mills was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 333956A, on October 10, 1994. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. On or about May 24, 2011, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received information through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, that the state of California had taken action against Sean Mills' California Education Certificate.

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3. On September 1, 2009, Sean Mills was issued a Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), valid to October 1, 2014. Sean Mills previously held Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credentials from 1997 to 2009.

4. During the 2007-2008 school year, K.B., a 12th grade female student, babysat and provided piano lessons to Sean Mills' children.

5. K.B. graduated from Clovis West High School (CWHS) at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 school year.

6. In or about April 2009, Sean Mills had increased communication with K.B. and initiated a sexual relationship with K.B. beginning in May 2009.

7. Between June 2009 and September 2009, on at least five (5) separate occasions, Sean Mills had sexual intercourse with K.B. on CWHS school property.

8. On or about September 10, 2009, Sean Mills informed CWHS Principal, that he was having a sexual relationship with K.B., after being confronted by K.B.'s mother.

9. On September 10, 2009, Sean Mills was placed on administrative leave.

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10. On September 16, 2009, K.B. participated in an interview with Shon Davidsen of The Davidsen Group. Among other statements, K.B. stated Sean Mills was always very professional and said they shared a typical student-teacher relationship; which at no time ever crossed the typical student-teacher relationship line while she was still in high school.

11. On September 23, 2009, the Clovis Unified School District (CUSD) Governing Board issued Sean Mills a Notice of Intent to Dismiss and Statement of Charges; Imposition of Suspension Without Pay.

12. On September 23, 2009, the CUSD Governing Board issued Sean Mills a Resolution Approving Notice of Intent to Dismiss and Statement of Charges; Imposition of Suspension Without Pay. Sean Mills had thirty (30) days to request a hearing.

13. On September 28, 2009, Shon Davidsen of The Davidsen Group submitted a draft investigative report concerning allegations of misconduct made against Sean Mills.

14. On October 1, 2009, CUSD Superintendent sent a letter to CCTC reporting a change in Sean Mills' employment status.

15. On October 15, 2009, Sean Mills filed a Demand for Hearing with the CUSD Governing Board.

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16. On November 18, 2009, the CUSD Governing Board issued Sean Mills a Resolution Dismissing a Permanent Certificate Employee from the District. Sean Mills' termination from the district became effective November 18, 2009.

17. On December 7, 2009, CUSD Superintendent sent a letter to CCTC reporting additional changes in Sean Mills' employment status.

18. On December 21, 2009, CUSD Superintendent reported to CCTC that Sean Mills was terminated effective November 18, 2009.

19. On September 21, 2010, CCTC received a letter from Sean Mills responding to the allegations of misconduct.

20. On November 29, 2010, CCTC sent Sean Mills a letter advising that the Committee of Credentials had found probable cause to recommend the revocation of his teaching credentials.

21. On February 4, 2011, CCTC sent Sean Mills a notice revoking all credentials, life diplomas or other certification documents, and deny any pending applications.

22. On August 19, 2011, per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.410.090, OPP offered Sean Mills the opportunity to submit a statement regarding this investigation. As of November 16, 2011, Sean Mills has not provided a response.

23. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Sean Mills and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 333956A, of Sean Mills, should be suspended as provided for in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-86-070.

3. Sean Mills has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-86-013, and WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 333956A, of Sean Mills be suspended for eighteen (18) months.

Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Sean Mills' fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED This 4th day of January, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN
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