



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

DR. TERRY BERGESON OLD CAPITOL BUILDING • PO BOX 47200 • OLYMPIA WA 98504-7200 • <http://www.k12.wa.us>

I, Natasha, certify that on 7/29/02, I mailed a copy of this document, certified & postage prepaid, to all parties or their counsel of record. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct.

IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
APPLICATION OF)
)
)
GEORGE GADBURY)
FILE No.: T069345)
_____)

OPP No. A02-03-0199
DENIAL ORDER
FOR CERTIFICATION

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 deny the education application of GEORGE GADBURY based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. George Gadbury applied for a Washington education certificate on March 8, 2002.
2. Mr. Gadbury provided information on his application that he has held teaching certificates in the states of California and Oregon.

GEORGE GADBURY
DENIAL ORDER FOR CERTIFICATION -1-

3. On the Character and Fitness Supplement, a part of the application process, Mr. Gadbury answered, "yes" to questions 3, 9, 10, and 11 of section II, Professional Fitness. These questions pertain to investigations and disciplinary actions due to allegations of misconduct.

4. Mr. Gadbury provided a written response with his application. In his response, Mr. Gadbury stated "I made a sexual advancement to a female student." And "I let our relationship get too socially casual."

5. Mr. Gadbury provided a settlement agreement with the Portland School District in the state of Oregon. In the agreement Mr. Gadbury agreed to resign his employment with the Portland School District in exchange that any claim made against Mr. Gadbury would be waived.

6. Mr. Gadbury's Oregon Teaching License, certificate number 274945, was revoked by the Oregon State Teacher Standards and Practices Commission on May 17, 2002.

7. In a request for information from Oregon State Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the commission provided the Stipulation of Facts, Surrender and Order of Revocation. The following was derived from the Stipulation of Facts:

A. Mr. Gadbury was employed by the Portland Public Schools as a teacher at Cleveland High School beginning in September of 1990. On or about January 14, 2002, a student reported that Mr. Gadbury said things to her that caused her to be fearful and upset, affected her ability to function at school. Mr. Gadbury resigned his teaching position on February 15, 2002.

- B. Mr. Gadbury wrote a note to a female high school student asking, "Will you sleep with me tonight? Smile if yes."
 - C. Mr. Gadbury told the same female student that her breasts were large and asked if they were real.
 - D. Mr. Gadbury informed the same female student that he had an erection.
 - E. Mr. Gadbury accepted responsibility for his behavior and acknowledged his behavior was inappropriate.
8. Good moral character and personal fitness is a requirement to attain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. OSPI has jurisdiction over George Gadbury and over the subject matter of this action.
- 2. George Gadbury has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence of good moral character or personal fitness to receive a Washington education certificate, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-86-170.
- 3. George Gadbury has violated WAC 180-87, WAC 180-86-013 and RCW 28A.410.090.

/

//

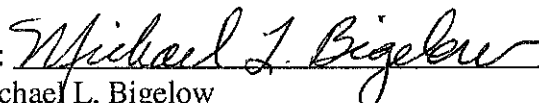
ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the application for certification of George Gadbury is denied.

This order may be appealed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt, pursuant to Chapter 180-86 WAC, copy enclosed.

DATED this 26th day of July 2002.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

By: 
Michael L. Bigelow
Associate Superintendent
Budget and School Business Services