



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)
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NYIKA BARRY LONG)
Certificate No. 359228D)
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OPP No. D06-01-004

AGREED ORDER
OF REVOCATION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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 stipulate by and between the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Nyika Long, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 359228D, of Nyika Long, shall be revoked, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Nyika Long was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 359228D, on March 4, 1998. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Nyika Long was employed by the Highline Public School District.

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3. On January 24, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices (OPP), within OSPI, received a complaint letter alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by Nyika Long.

4. Nyika Long took the October 31, 2006 paychecks of David [REDACTED] and Gabriel [REDACTED], and signed their signatures to the back of their check, making each check payable to him. Mr. Long states he had verbal permission from both Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] to sign their signatures on the checks. Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] gave statements that they never gave Mr. Long permission to pick up their check, sign their names, or deposit them into his accounts.

5. Mr. Long deposited the paycheck of David [REDACTED], in the amount of \$350.06 into his [REDACTED] Bank account, and the other paycheck of Gabriel [REDACTED], in the amount of \$646.15 into his [REDACTED] Credit Union account.

6. On December 4, 2006, Nyika Long was placed on Administrative Leave.

7. On December 20, 2006, in a taped statement given to Tony Zeman with Highline Public Schools security department, Nyika Long stated that on December 7, 2006, he gave David [REDACTED] \$150.00 in cash, and Gabriel [REDACTED] \$200.00 in cash. When asked why he had not given them their full paycheck amounts, Nyika Long stated they had not fulfilled their coaching duties. He said he left the remaining money in his personal account, stating "I'm the one who covered for the things they were supposed to do..."

8. On January 12, 2007, Nyika Long was issued a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge, and Termination of Extra-Duty Contract by the Highline School District.

9. On January 25, 2007, Nyika Long, through his attorney, D. Jill Pugh, sent notification to appeal his discharge from employment.

10. On March 14, 2006, an Information and Declaration for Determination of Probable Cause were filed in King County Superior Court, Cause Number 07-1-021864 KNT, charging Mr. Long with: 2 counts of Forgery, RCW 9A.60.020 . Forgery is a class C felony.

11. On March 23, 2007, a Settlement Agreement and Release was signed between Nyika Long and the Highline School District

12. In March of 2007, Nyika Long submitted a letter of resignation, effective February 28, 2007.

13. On September 28, 2007, Mr. Long signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty, in which he pleaded guilty to the amended charges of Attempted Forgery (2 counts) as listed in the Amended Information. Attempted Forgery is a gross misdemeanor.

14. In the signed Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty, section 12, subsection 4 states: Defendant to agree to revocation of Washington Teaching Certificate.

15. The Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty does not require the revocation to be permanent.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Nyika Long, and over the subject matter of this action.

 2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 359228D, of Nyika Long, should be revoked, as provided for in WAC 181-86-075.


 3. Nyika Long has violated WAC 181-87-060, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.
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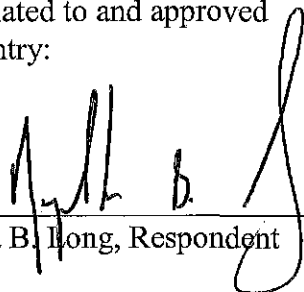
Therefore, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 359228D, of Nyika Long be revoked.

DATED This 15th day of November, 2007.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington


Martin T. Muller
Assistant Superintendent
Student Support and Operations

Stipulated to and approved
For entry:


Nyika B. Long, Respondent

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