



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)

TERRY E. BUCK)
Certificate No. 268183A)

OPP No. D00-04-043

AGREED ORDER OF)
SUSPENSION)

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. 268183A, of Terry E. Buck, for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

Findings of Fact

1. Terry E. Buck was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 268183A, on July 25, 1985. Terry E. Buck currently hold a valid Continuing Elementary and Secondary Certificate.
2. Terry E. Buck was employed as a teacher by the Columbia School District #400 during the 1999/2000 school year.
3. On or about April 3, 2000, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction received a letter from the Superintendent of the Columbia School District #400 alleging an act of unprofessional conduct, by Terry E. Buck.
4. Terry E. Buck forged signatures of a school administrator, general educations teachers, parents, and students on Individual Education Program (IEP) documents. Additionally, the IEP meetings for which the signatures appear were not convened on the date indicated on the documents.

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5. On or about March 15, 2000, Terry E. Buck entered into a settlement agreement with the Columbia School District #400 and submitted his irrevocable resignation effective April 14, 2000.

6. Further investigation by the Office of Professional Practices reveals that on more than one occasion during the 1999/2000 school year Terry E. Buck falsified documents to indicate that IEP meetings were held regarding special education students. Terry E. Buck forged the alleged dates of the IEP meetings as well as the signatures of the high school principal, two general education teachers, parents and students on the documents.

7. Terry E. Buck admits and acknowledges that he falsified IEP documents to indicate that required IEP meetings had been conducted. Terry E. Buck admits and acknowledges that the IEP meetings were not held as required by law. Further, Terry E. Buck admits that he signed the names of the principal, general education teachers, parents, and students to IEP documents without their knowledge or permission.

8. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington education certificate.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has jurisdiction over Terry E. Buck and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington education certificate, No. 268183A, of Terry E. Buck, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Terry E. Buck has violated Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87-050(5), WAC 180-87-060(1), WAC 392-172-156, WAC 392-172-158, WAC 392-172-160, WAC 180-86-014.

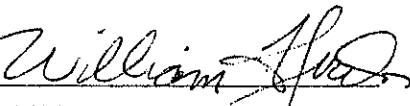
ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington education certificate, No. 268183A, of Terry E. Buck be suspended for twenty-four (24) months.

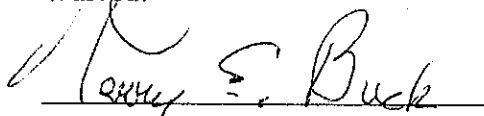
Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by the Office of Professional Practices and having Terry E. Buck's fingerprints checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2000.

Dr. Terry Bergeson
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

By: 
Dr. William I. Jordan
Deputy Superintendent
General Administration & Operations

Stipulated to and approved
For entry; notice of presentation
Waived:


Terry E. Buck, Respondent