



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)
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QUENTIN COBB)
Certificate No. 393823J)
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OPP No. D07-03-028

FINAL 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. 393823J, of Quentin Cobb for twelve (12) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Quentin Cobb was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 393823J, on January 7, 2002. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Quentin Cobb was employed by the Wahluke School District.
3. On March 22, 2007, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Wahluke School District alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Quentin Cobb.

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4. On August 28, 2006, Mr. Cobb signed an Employee Account Agreement; stating that he had read the Wahluke School District Acceptable Use Procedure.

5. During the 2006-2007 school year, Mr. Cobb used Wahluke School District computer equipment to access and view sexually explicit images.

6. In or about January 2007, a middle school male student, I.C., observed Mr. Cobb viewing images of nude women on his school district computer equipment.

7. On January 23, 2007, two male students in Mr. Cobb's became engaged in an altercation with one student receiving injuries.

8. On January 29, 2007, after investigation of the events of January 23, 2007, Chris Rust issued Mr. Cobb a letter of reprimand for: allowing an inherently dangerous activity and for his lack of supervision of this inherently dangerous activity that led to injury to a student and chaos throughout the class period.

9. On March 20, 2007, Mr. Cobb signed a Settlement and Release Agreement with the Wahluke School District. As per the agreement, Mr. Cobb resigned his employment with the Wahluke School District.

10. On November 19, 2007, a letter was sent to the last known address for Mr. Cobb advising him of his opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct. In the letter, Mr. Cobb was asked to contact OPP by December 12, 2007. Mr. Cobb did not respond to this letter.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Quentin Cobb and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 393823J, of Quentin Cobb, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.

3. Quentin Cobb has violated WAC 181-87-060, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-013, and/or WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

It has been thirty days since the Proposed Order of Suspension was received. The appeal time period has passed. It is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 393823J, of Quentin Cobb is Suspended.

DATED This 4th day of February, 2008.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Martin T. Mueller
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