



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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I, Mary Myrland, certify that on 5-17-01, 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)
CERTIFICATE OF)
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Robert J. Faires)
Certificate No. 191100G)
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OPP No. D97-03-046

FINAL ORDER OF
SUSPENSION

Thirty calendar days have transpired since the mailing to Robert J. Faires of a Proposed Order of Suspension. Robert J. Faires's failure to make a timely appeal of such order authorizes this agency to issue a Final Order of Suspension based on the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law set forth in the Proposed Order of Suspension.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Robert Faires was issued a Washington education certificate, No. 191100G, on August 27, 1974. This certificate currently remains valid.

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2. Robert Faires was employed by the Hoquiam School District.

3. On February 27, 1997, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Hoquiam 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) 180-87, by Robert Faires.

4. On March 6, 1992, Patti Arthaud, Student Support Coordinator for Hoquiam School District, received reports from school district employees regarding inappropriate touching by Robert Faires.

5. On March 10, 1992, Superintendent Stanley Pinnick suspended Robert Faires with pay pending the investigation into allegations of inappropriate touching and kissing of female students.

6. In a memorandum dated March 17, 1992, to Superintendent Stan Pinnick, Principal Ed Rosi outlines discussions with Robert Faires concerning improper touching of students by Robert Faires.

7. On March 23, 1992, Superintendent Stanley Pinnick issued Robert Faires a Letter of Reprimand for inappropriate touching and kissing of female students.

8. On January 31, 1997, students and parents met with Patti Arthaud, Director of Student Services for Hoquiam School District, to address allegations of inappropriate conduct toward students by Robert Faires.

9. On February 20, 1997, Robert Faires entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Hoquiam School District.

10. Robert Faires submitted his resignation, dated May 31, 1997, to Superintendent Stanley Pinnick.

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 Robert Faires and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 191100G, of Robert Faires, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. Robert Faires has violated WAC 180-87.


ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 191100G, of Robert Faires, be suspended for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months.

Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by OPP and having Robert Faires's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED This 17th day of May, 2001.

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