



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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I, Mary Myrland, certify that on 4/19/01, 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

JERRY L. ISON
Certificate No. 325301J

OPP No. D99-12-139

FINAL ORDER OF
SUSPENSION

Thirty calendar days have transpired since the mailing to Jerry L. Ison of a Proposed Order of Suspension. Jerry L. Ison'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. Jerry L. Ison was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 325301J, on October 8, 1993. Jerry L. Ison currently holds a valid Initial ESA Certificate.
2. Jerry L. Ison was a certificated employee of the Othello School District during the 1999/2000 school year.
3. On or about December 23, 1999, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction received a letter from the superintendent of the Othello School District alleging an act of unprofessional conduct by Jerry L. Ison.

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4. On or about August 30, 1999, Jerry L. Ison was observed pouring a yellow liquid into his supervisor's personal vehicle. The liquid was subsequently determined to be urine. Jerry L. Ison denied the allegation when confronted by Othello School District administrators.

5. On or about November 10, 1999, the superintendent of the Othello School District issued a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge to Jerry L. Ison. On or about December 14, 1999, the Othello School Board discharged Jerry L. Ison.

6. Further investigation by the Office of Professional Practices reveals that Jerry L. Ison subsequently admitted and acknowledged to Othello School District administrators that he had poured urine into his supervisor's personal vehicle.

7. Further investigation by the Office of Professional Practices reveals that Jerry L. Ison was observed by Othello School District employees engaged in the act of pouring a liquid, later determined to be urine, into his supervisor's personal vehicle.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Jerry L. Ison and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 325301J, of Jerry L. Ison, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

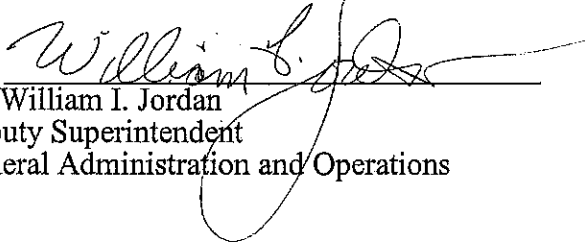
3. Jerry L. Ison has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 180-86-013, and WAC 180 86-014. and/or WAC 180-40-235.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington education certificate, No. 325301J, of Jerry L. Ison, be suspended for a minimum of twenty-four (24) months.

DATED This 17th day of April, 2001.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

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