



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D04-11-112
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)	AGREED ORDER
David Trapp)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 135044F)	
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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 David Trapp, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 135044F, of David Trapp, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. David Trapp was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 135044F, on June 11, 1965. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. David Trapp was employed by the Sequim School District.

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3. On November 23, 2004, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Sequim 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 David Trapp.
4. On April 21, 2005, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a second complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Sequim School District, alleging a further lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, by David Trapp.
5. On October 13, 1987, Mr. Trapp wrote "sheer shit" below a student's answer on a physics test. He received a written reprimand from Principal Aubrey Verstegen for poor judgment and unprofessionalism for this action.
6. On December 15, 1995, Mr. Trapp received a letter of admonishment from Sequim High School Principal Jim Bumgarner, for leaving students unsupervised in class while attending a meeting at another school.
7. On October 15, 1998, David Trapp failed to comply with a directive to take his class to an alternate site because of a possible hazard in the classroom, and failed to assume responsibility for his class for the afternoon. He received a written reprimand from Principal Michael Johnson for these actions. During an interview with Mr. Trapp on December 14, 2005, Mr. Trapp stated that he left the room after telling Mr. Johnson that he was ill and needed emergency sick leave.

8. On November 30, 1998, David Trapp improperly disciplined a female high school student by swatting her on the buttocks, grabbing her sweatshirt, and pulling her from a tabletop. He received a two-day suspension and written reprimand from Principal Michael Johnson for these actions. During an interview with Mr. Trapp on December 14, 2005, Mr. Trapp stated that he tapped the female student on her leg, just above the knee, with the back of his hand. Mr. Trapp also stated that he motioned to the student to get off the table, which she did of her own accord.

9. On November 17, 2004, Mr. Trapp became involved in a scuffle with a fourteen year old male student, SS, in class, over a pop bottle. The student later had a red mark on his abdomen and asserts that the injury resulted from the scuffle. Mr. Trapp does not believe the mark resulted from the altercation and believes that the student created the mark himself. During an interview with Mr. Trapp on December 14, 2005, Mr. Trapp stated that the student offered the bottle to him first and that his hand was in the student's pocket for no more than two (2) seconds. Mr. Trapp also stated that he had no intent to injure the student.

10. On November 19, 2004, Mr. Trapp spoke loudly to a fourteen year-old student, KB, and had an interaction with KB. During the exchange, KB exclaimed that Mr. Trapp had touched him. This interaction was the result of Mr. Trapp requesting an explanation regarding what had happened to a poster that had fallen down. During an interview with Mr. Trapp on December 14, 2005, Mr. Trapp stated that he did not touch the student and that, during the interaction, he was trying to avoid physical contact with KB. Mr. Trapp believes that KB acted in such a manner to prevent discovery of cheating on a test.

11. On December 16, 2004, David Trapp received a Notice of Probable Cause for Discharge from Sequim School District Superintendent Garn Christensen.

12. On April 11, 2005, Mr. Trapp completed a settlement agreement with the Sequim School District in which he resigned effective the end of the 2004-2005 school year.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over David Trapp and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 135044F, of David Trapp, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.

3. David Trapp has violated WAC 180-87-060 and RCW 28A.410.090.

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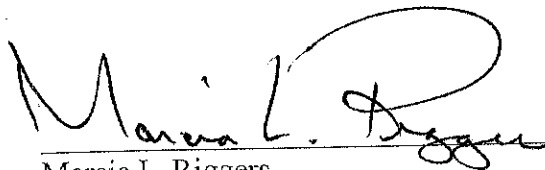
ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 135044F, of David Trapp, be suspended for six (6) months from the date of entry of this Order or the date that Mr. Trapp completes the below-listed reinstatement requirements.

Reinstatement will require successful completion of: (1) successful completion of a anger management course, or similar course of treatment, by Bonnie Cassidy; (2) that David Trapp follows and complete any and all treatment recommended in the anger management course; (3) a signed release from David Trapp authorizing Ms. Cassidy to review Mr. Trapp's medical records; (4) that David Trapp provides a signed letter or certificate from Ms. Cassidy certifying successful completion of the treatment program issued and supervised by Ms. Cassidy; and (4) that the cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of David Trapp.

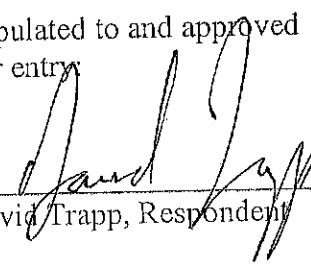
DATED This 31st ~~24~~ day of March, 2006.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington



Marcia L. Riggers
Assistant Superintendent
Student Support and Operations

Order Stipulated to and approved
For entry



David Trapp, Respondent