



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
CERTIFICATE OF)

SUSAN S. LESCHINSKI)
Certificate No. 234869F)
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OPP No. D97-02-022

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. 234869F, of Susan Leschinski, for a minimum of forty-eight (48) months, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

Findings of Fact

1. Susan Leschinski was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 234869F, on June 8, 1979. Susan Leschinski currently holds valid Continuing Teacher, and Initial Administrator Certificates.
2. Susan Leschinski was employed as a certified teacher by the North Franklin School District during the 1995/96 school year.
3. On or about January 27, 1997, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction received a letter from the Superintendent of the North Franklin School District alleging an act of unprofessional conduct, by Susan Leschinski.

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4. Susan Leschinski engaged in misrepresentation of material facts concerning program compliance documents submitted to state, federal or other governmental agencies.
5. On or about August 26, 1997, Susan Leschinski submitted resignation effective immediately to the Superintendent of the North Franklin School District.
6. Further investigation by the Office of Professional Practices reveals that on at least one occasion on the night of March 25, 1996, Susan Leschinski created and placed required special education documents into student files in order to give the appearance of compliance with federal and/or state regulations. This misrepresentation occurred the night before the student special education files were to be the subject of a state mandated Child Count Verification review. The verification review was conducted by staff from Educational Service District 123, on behalf of The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
7. Susan Leschinski admits and acknowledges that she misrepresented material facts by creating and placing special education documents in student files to give the appearance of compliance with existing federal and/or state guidelines. Susan Leschinski admits and acknowledges that her actions were inappropriate and unprofessional.
8. It is noted that Susan Leschinski was serving as a Special Education Administrative Intern under the direct supervision and direction of the North Franklin School District Special Education Director.
9. 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 Susan Leschinski and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington education certificate, No. 234869F, of Susan Leschinski, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.
3. Susan Leschinski has violated Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-87, WAC 392-172, and WAC 180-86.

ORDER

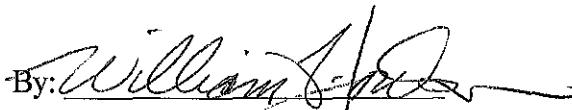
THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington education certificate, No. 234869F, of Susan Leschinski be suspended for forty-eight (48) months.

The effective date of this Order shall be June 1, 1997. The Washington education certificate No. 234869F, of Susan Leschinski shall be suspended from June 1, 1997 through June 1, 2001.

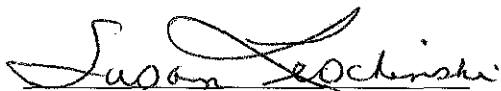
Reinstatement shall require submission of a new application, provided by the Office of Professional Practices and having Susan Leschinski's fingerprints checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

DATED this 26th day of April 2001.

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:


Susan Leschinski, Respondent