



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D01-03-037
)	
NEIL DAVID WHITE)	AGREED ORDER
Certificate No. 315049G)	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. 315049G, of Neil David White for a minimum of Twenty-four (24) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

2. Neil David White was issued a Washington education certificate, No. 315049G, on October 28, 1996. That certificate currently remains valid. That certificate expires on June 30, 2003.

3. Neil David White was employed by the Olympia School District as a teacher and coach.

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4. On March 8, 2001, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Dr. Albert Cohen, Superintendent of the Olympia 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 Neil White.

5. On February 12, 2001, Frank O'Conner, Principal of Capitol High School, placed Neil White on paid administrative leave pending the outcome into allegations of inappropriate language, comments, and touching female students.

6. Neil White admitted that he engaged in inappropriate comments and behavior toward female students. Mr. White said he did not have clear recollection of his behavior but when he was told about it he agreed that it was very inappropriate.

7. Neil White resigned from his position with the Olympia School District the end of the 2000-2001 school year. Mr. White is not teaching at the present time.

8. Neil White provided documentation from his medical provider stating that he most likely had a "medication induced manic episode". Mr. White had been under medical care the previous year for depression. When he did not respond to treatment the doctor tried a new medication, which according to the doctor, resulted in (Mr. White having) little ability to be realistic in his observations of himself and others. The doctor discontinued the medication and reported that Mr. White's medical condition has stabilized.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Neil White and over the subject matter of this action.
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington education certificate, No. 315049G, of Neil White, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-070.
3. Neil White has violated RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 180-87-060, WAC 180-86-013, WAC 180 86-014.

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington education certificate, No. 315049G, of Neil White be suspended for Twenty-four (24) months beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2004.

Reinstatement shall require Neil White to provided documentation of his continued fitness to have unsupervised contact with children and for Neil White to submit an affidavit from his medical provider as to the stability of his medical condition and what if any medications he should be taking at the time of reinstatement.

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

DATED This 24 day of JUNE, 2003.

DR. TERRY BERGESON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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Stipulated to and approved for
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waived:

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