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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)
APPLICATION OF)
Lance Jaderlund)
Certificate No. 370925J)

OPP No. D10-01-006
DENIAL ORDER
FOR CERTIFICATION

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 deny the education application of Lance Jaderlund based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lance Jaderlund was issued a Washington education continuing certificate, No. 370925J, on April 14, 2004. Lance Jaderlund voluntarily surrendered this education certificate on January 20, 2010.

2. Lance Jaderlund was employed by the Ellensburg School District.

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3. During the 2008-2009 school year, Lance Jaderlund developed an inappropriate relationship with J.E, a 17 year old female student. The inappropriate relationship consisted of, including but not limited to, inappropriate comments to J.E., inappropriate physical interactions with J.E., providing items as gifts to J.E., and being alone with J.E. in numerous situations outside of school-related activities.

4. During the 2008-2009 school year, Lance Jaderlund, on at least three separate occasions, kissed J.E. on the lips. One of the kisses occurred at Ellensburg High School.

5. During the 2008-2009 school year, Lance Jaderlund spent a significant amount of time with J.E. outside of school-related activities such as, but not limited to, hiking, playing tennis, and going to J.E.'s residence when her parent/s were not present.

6. During the 2008-2009 school year, on more than one occasion, J.E. baby-sat Lance Jaderlund's child.

7. In or about May 2009, J.E. and Lance Jaderlund went to the Grand Coulee area for a hike at the Dry Falls area. During the hiking trip, Lance Jaderlund talked with J.E. about topics such as sex and her virginity. One of the comments that Lance Jaderlund made to J.E. was that he needed to know her sexual history in order for him to make a decision about pursuing a relationship.

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8. On May 27, 2009, J.E. told her mother, Elaine Ebanez, about Lance Jaderlund kissing her.

9. On August 17, 2009, Elaine Ebanez reported the inappropriate relationship between her daughter and Lance Jaderlund to the Ellensburg School District.

10. On August 18, 2009, Lance Jaderlund was placed on administrative leave by the Ellensburg School District. An investigation was initiated by the Ellensburg School District into allegation of an inappropriate relationship with a female student.

11. On August 18, 2009, August 20, 2009 and August 27, 2009, Lance Jaderlund participated in interviews with Ellensburg School District personnel.

12. On or about September 28, 2009, Ellensburg Police Department, based upon an anonymous complainant, initiated an investigation; Ellensburg Police Department Incident No. E09-12399.

13. On October 1, 2009, Detective Koss and Detective Houck of the Ellensburg Police Department spoke with Lance Jaderlund at his residence. During their conversation, Lance Jaderlund admitted to kissing J.E. twice. After speaking to his attorney, Lance Jaderlund told the detectives that there had not ever been any physical contact with J.E. including kissing; Ellensburg Police Department Incident No. E09-12399.

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14. On October 1, 2009, Lance Jaderlund was arrested and charged with Communicating with a Minor for Immoral Purposes, Revised Code of Washington 9.68A.090; Ellensburg Police Department Incident No. E09-12399.

15. On January 6, 2010, a Pretrial Harassment No-Contact Order was filed in the District Court of Washington for Lower Kittitas County prohibiting Lance Jaderlund from contacting J.E.; Lower Kittitas County Case No. 25264 ELL.

16. On January 6, 2010, an Order Modifying Terms of No Contact was filed in the District Court of Washington for Lower Kittitas County; Lower Kittitas County Case No. 25264 ELL.

17. On January 6, 2010, a Stipulated and Order for Stay of Proceedings was filed in the District Court of Washington for Lower Kittitas County. Lance Jaderlund stipulated to a stay of proceedings for a period of twenty-four months, on the following terms and conditions: 25 days on the Department of Corrections Work Crew, no contact with J.E., surrender any and all teaching certificates to OSPI, and resign from his position at Ellensburg School District effective February 1, 2010; Lower Kittitas County Case No. 25264 ELL.

18. On January 7, 2010, Lance Jaderlund submitted a letter of resignation to the Ellensburg School District.

19. On January 20, 2010, Lance Jaderlund voluntarily surrendered his Washington education certificate.

20. On February 2, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, did receive a complaint letter from the superintendent of Ellensburg School District alleging a lack of personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 181-87, by Lance Jaderlund.

21. On December 28, 2011, Kittitas County Probation Services issued a Memorandum stating Lance Jaderlund complied with his probationary requirements under the Stay of Proceedings and is eligible to be released from probation; Lower Kittitas County Case No. 25264 ELL.

22. On January 24, 2012, a Motion and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice was filed in the District Court of Washington for Lower Kittitas County dismissing the charge against Lance Jaderlund after complying with the terms of the Stay of Proceedings; Lower Kittitas County Case No. 25264 ELL.

23. On April 23, 2012, Lance Jaderlund applied for reinstatement of his voluntarily surrendered Washington education certificate by submitting an Application for Reinstatement of Suspended or Revoked Washington State Certification.

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24. On the Character and Fitness Supplement, a part of the application process, Lance Jaderlund answered 'yes' to questions 4 and 9, Professional Fitness, which asks "Have you ever had any adverse action taken on any certificate or license" and "Have you ever resigned from or otherwise left any employment while allegations of misconduct were pending?" Lance Jaderlund also answered 'yes' to questions 1 and 2, Criminal History, which asks "In the last 10 years, have you ever been arrested for any crime or violation of the law?" and "In the last 10 years, have you ever been fingerprinted as a result of any arrest for any crime or violation of the law?"

25. On the Character and Fitness Supplement, a part of the application process, Lance Jaderlund falsely answered 'no' to questions 3 and 11, Professional Fitness, which asks "Are you currently or have you ever been the subject of any certificate or licensing investigation or inquiry by any certification or licensing agency for allegations of misconduct?" and "Are you currently or have you ever been the subject of any investigation or inquiry by an employer because of allegations of misconduct?" Lance Jaderlund also falsely answered 'no' to question 6, Criminal History, which asks "Have you ever been or are you presently under investigation in any jurisdiction for possible criminal charges?"

26. As part of the Character and Fitness Supplement, Lance Jaderlund submitted written explanations for 'yes' answers and an affidavit describing the reason for the voluntary surrender of his Washington education certificate.

27. Good moral character and personal fitness is a requirement to attain a Washington education certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Lance Jaderlund and over the subject matter of this action.

2. Lance Jaderlund has failed to provide clear and convincing evidence of good moral character or personal fitness, under WAC 181-86-113 and WAC 181-86-170.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the application for certification of Lance Jaderlund is denied.

This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period.

Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Office of Professional Practices
PO Box 47200
Olympia, WA 98504

DATED this 24 day of July, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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