



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION	)	
CERTIFICATE OF	)	OPP No. D10-04-020
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	)	AGREED ORDER
Vallen Boyce	)	OF SUSPENSION
Certificate No. 412961E	)	
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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 Vallen Boyce, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 412961E, of Vallen Boyce, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

## FINDING OF FACTS

1. Vallen Boyce was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 412961E, on December 22, 2003. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Vallen Boyce is employed by the Anacortes School District.

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3. On April 5, 2010, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the Superintendent of the Anacortes 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) 181-87, by Vallen Boyce.

4. Vallen Boyce is a Metal Shop / CTE teacher at Anacortes High School.

5. During the 2009-2010 school year, Vallen Boyce participated in conversations with high school male students about conducting pranks at Anacortes High School. Vallen Boyce states that he discouraged students from conducting some malicious acts.

6. The word "prank" can be defined as "a malicious act; a mildly mischievous act, a ludicrous act, or a trick of amusing, playful, or sometimes malicious nature".

7. In or about November and December of 2009 and January of 2010, Vallen Boyce participated in discussions with K.D., a 12<sup>th</sup> grade male student, and M.F. a 12<sup>th</sup> grade male student, about a prank that involved illegally entering the Anacortes High School and committing acts therein.

8. During the 2009-2010 school year, Vallen Boyce provided an electronic alarm access code and a door key to K.D. and M.F.

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9. During the night of January 30, 2010, M.F. and K.D. used the access code and door key to enter Anacortes High School. Inside the school, M.F. and K.D., among other acts, damaged ceiling tiles, covered video surveillance cameras, removed doors, and placed the doors in other locations. M.F. and K.D. were inside the school for approximately two (2) hours.

10. On January 30, 2010, Anacortes Police Department responded to Anacortes High School for a burglary alarm; Anacortes Police Department report #10-A00764.

11. On February 1, 2010, Jon Ronngren, CTE Director, asked Vallen Boyce if he knew anything about the burglary at the high school. Vallen Boyce denied having information.

12. On March 17, 2010, Mr. Ronngren approached Vallen Boyce and informed him about a meeting with building and district administration regarding the burglary. Vallen Boyce said that he had nothing to do with the burglary.

13. On March 19, 2010, during an interview with Anacortes School District and Anacortes High School administrators, Vallen Boyce first denied prior knowledge of the burglary of the high school, and then later admitted his knowledge and participation in discussing and planning the burglary.

14. On March 19, 2010, Vallen Boyce was placed on administrative leave.

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15. On March 24, 2010, Vallen Boyce signed a Settlement Agreement with the Anacortes School District. As part of the agreement, Vallen Boyce was: suspended without pay for five (5) days; the suspension was served from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 26<sup>th</sup>; required to issue an oral apology; and attend training on “appropriate boundary lines and professional judgment that is expected of a teacher”. Vallen Boyce has completed the training requirements.

16. On March 25, 2010, the Anacortes School District contacted the Anacortes Police Department and advised of their decision not to pursue criminal charges on any person involved in the burglary at Anacortes High School on January 30, 2010.

17. On April 7, 2011, Vallen Boyce participated in an interview with an OPP investigator. On May 6, 2011, OPP received Vallen Boyce’s signed statement.

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

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Vallen Boyce and over the subject matter of this action.
  
2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that Washington Education Certificate, No. 412961E, of Vallen Boyce, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 181-86-070.
  
3. Vallen Boyce has violated RCW 28A.410.090 1 (a) and WAC 181-87-060.

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**ORDER**


THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 412961E, of Vallen Boyce, be suspended for three (3) months. The suspension will go into effect June 9, 2012.


Reinstatement shall (also) require submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Vallen Boyce's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP). Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Vallen Boyce's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090, and/or any felony convictions

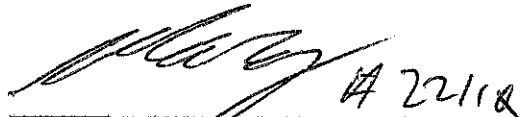
DATED This 30 day of April, 2012.

RANDY I. DORN  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved  
For entry:

  
Alan Burke, Ed.D.  
Deputy Superintendent  
K-12 Education

  
Vallen Boyce, Respondent

  
Michael Gawley, Attorney for Respondent  
WSBA #22110 AS TO FORM

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