



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Patrick Belser
OSPI Case Number: D15-08-075
Document: Final Order of Mandatory Permanent Revocation

Regarding your request for information about the above-named educator; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Office of Professional Practices. These records are considered certified by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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The following information has been withheld: **None**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D15-08-075
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PATRICK BELSER)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 409709C)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
)	REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from Federal Way Public Schools (“School District”) regarding the above referenced educator, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that PATRICK BELSER (“Educator”) lacks the Good Moral Character and Personal Fitness necessary to serve as a certificated employee in schools in the state of Washington as listed in WAC 181-86-013(1), and does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator’s ability to obtain an education certificate in the state of Washington, pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4)(c), based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 28, 2003, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 409709C. The Educator’s certificate expired on June 30, 2016.

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2. On August 17, 2015, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”), within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”), received a complaint letter from Dr. Tammy Campbell, the Superintendent of the School District, reporting that the Educator was arrested on or about August 11, 2015. Law enforcement indicated that they determined they had probable cause to believe that the Educator committed crimes against children.

3. On or about August 12, 2015, Dr. Campbell sent the Educator a letter placing him on paid administrative leave, effective August 12, 2015.

4. On or about December 4, 2015, Dr. Campbell sent the Educator a letter stating that the School District believed it had probable cause to discharge him from his services, based on the charges filed in Superior Court. As a condition of release from the jail, the Educator had been ordered to not have any contact directly or indirectly with any minors. Because the Educator was incapable of fulfilling his primary duties as a teacher, the School District determined that the Educator was in breach of his contract, and the School District was therefore within its authority to discharge him from his teaching contract.

5. On December 11, 2015, the School District sent the Educator a letter terminating his employment, with an effective date of December 18, 2015. The Educator did not appeal this action.

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6. On December 8, 2015, Ms. Kristine L. Duncan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, filed an Information in Clark County Superior Court, Cause No. 15-1-02401-9, charging the Educator with the following:

- a. Count 01 – Rape of a Child in the Second Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.076;
- b. Count 02 – Child Molestation in the Second Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.086;
- c. Count 03 – Child Molestation in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.089;
- d. Count 04 – Rape of a Child in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.079;
- e. Count 05 – Child Molestation in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.089;
- and
- f. Count 06 – Child Molestation in the Second Degree in violation of 9A.44.08

7. On June 13, 2017, Ms. Kristine L. Foerster, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, filed an Amended Information in Clark County Superior Court, Cause No. 15-1-02401-9, charging the Educator with the following:

- a. Count 01 – Rape of a Child in the Second Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.076;
- b. Count 02 – Child Molestation in the Second Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.086;
- c. Count 03 – Child Molestation in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.089;
- d. Count 04 – Rape of a Child in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.079;
- e. Count 05 – Child Molestation in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.089;
- and
- f. Count 06 – Sexual Exploitation of a minor in violation of 9.68A.040.

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8. On July 20, 2017, after a jury trial, the Educator was found guilty of Rape of a Child in the Second Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.076, Child Molestation in the Second Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.086, Child Molestation in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.089, Rape of a Child in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.079, Child Molestation in the Third Degree in violation of RCW 9A.44.089, and Sexual Exploitation of a minor in violation of 9.68A.040.

9. On September 18, 2017, a Felony Judgment and Sentence was filed in Clark County Superior Court. The Educator was sentenced to a total of 350 months confinement in the custody of the Washington State Department of Corrections.

10. The Educator has been offered an opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. As of the date of this Order, the Educator has not responded to OPP.

11. The Educator has pleaded guilty or has been convicted of a crime listed in RCW 28A.410.090(4). Such a plea or conviction authorizes OSPI to permanently revoke Patrick Belser's ability to obtain an education certificate in the State of Washington.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Chapter 28A.410 RCW gives the Professional Educator Standards Board the authority to develop regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of the state of Washington. OSPI acts as the administrator of those statutes and regulations and has the authority to issue, reprimand, suspend, and revoke education certificates. RCW 28A.410.090, RCW 28A.410.010, and WAC 181-86 and WAC 181-87 further implement OSPI's authority.

2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter discussed herein.

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3. The Educator has demonstrated a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013.

4. There is clear and convincing evidence that the Educator has demonstrated a lack of good moral character and personal fitness. WAC 181-86-175.

5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080 eleven (11) factors, at a minimum, are to be considered to determine the appropriate level and range of educator discipline:

1. The seriousness of the act(s) and the actual or potential harm to persons or property;
2. The person's criminal history including the seriousness and amount of activity;
3. The age and maturity level of participant(s) at the time of the activity;
4. The proximity or remoteness of time in which the acts occurred;
5. Any activity that demonstrates a disregard for health, safety or welfare;
6. Any activity that demonstrates a behavioral problem;
7. Any activity that demonstrates a lack of fitness;
8. Any information submitted regarding discipline imposed by any governmental or private entity as a result of acts or omissions;
9. Any information submitted that demonstrates aggravating or mitigating circumstances;
10. Any information submitted to support character and fitness; and
11. Any other relevant information submitted.

6. Based on the foregoing facts and considering them in light of the eleven factors enumerated in WAC 181-86-080, and in light of WAC 181-86-075 (Grounds for Issuance of an Order of Revocation), RCW 28A.410.090(4)(c), WAC 181-86-013, and WAC 181-86-014, Patrick Belser's ability to obtain an education certificate in the state of Washington should be permanently revoked for lack of good moral character and felony sex offenses.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that PATRICK BELSER'S ability to obtain an Education certificate in the state of Washington is **PERMANENTLY REVOKED**.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2018.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Signed: Dierk Meierbachtol
Chief Legal Officer