



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Josie Boromisza
OSPI Case Number: D13-12-073
Document: Suspension

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. D13-12-073

Josie Boromisza)
Certificate No. 350599G)

FINAL 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. 350599G, of Josie Boromisza for twelve (12) months based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Josie Boromisza was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 350599G, on September 26, 2011. That certificate currently remains valid.
2. Josie Boromisza was employed by the Shelton School District.
3. On December 5, 2013, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Shelton 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 Josie Boromisza.

4. From, and during, the 2010–2011 school year up through November 14, 2013, Josie Boromisza failed to adequately grade all required student assignments.

5. On November 14, 2013, Josie Boromisza ingested an unknown amount of alcoholic liquid and an unknown amount of Seroquel, an anti-depressant/bi-polar medication, in her classroom at Shelton High School.

6. On November 14, 2013, between approximately 2:00 and 2:30 PM, a female student in Josie Boromisza’s classroom called her parents and reported that Josie Boromisza had “taken some pills” and is “acting really weird and is out of it”. The parents came to Shelton High School at about 2:30 PM and reported their daughter’s phone call.

7. Edgar Stewart, Shelton High School Assistant Principal, and Donnie Rooks, Shelton High School Campus Security, responded and located Josie Boromisza in a classroom. Josie Boromisza was observed exhibiting sluggishness and slurred speech. Emergency Medical Services were requested and after arriving, Josie Boromisza was transported to Mason General Hospital.

8. After Josie Boromisza was transported to the hospital on November 14, 2013, Shelton High School staff members went to her classroom. In Josie Boromisza’s classroom, a glass bottle was located that contained a liquid with a strong odor of alcohol.

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9. On November 14, 2013, after Josie Boromisza had been transported to Mason General Hospital, Wanda Berndtson, Shelton High School Principal, called the hospital inquiring about Josie Boromisza. Ms. Berndtson was informed by an unknown person that Josie Boromisza's blood alcohol level was a .18.

10. After calling Mason General Hospital, Ms. Berndtson went to the hospital on November 14, 2013. At the hospital, the attending physician informed Ms. Berndtson, that due to her inebriation level, he would not allow Josie Boromisza to respond to the school district's request for a blood alcohol level test or answer questions.

10. On November 15, 2013, Ms. Berndtson returned to Mason General Hospital and spoke with Josie Boromisza. Josie Boromisza admitted that she had drunk an alcoholic beverage in her classroom. Josie Boromisza was verbally placed on administrative leave.

11. On November 17, 2013, Shelton High School employees were in Josie Boromisza's classroom cleaning dirty dishes, food items, and other garbage. While cleaning, a half-full bottle of vodka was located among used plastic grocery bags.

12. During times that Shelton High School staff were in Josie Boromisza's classroom after Josie Boromisza had been transported to the hospital, a significant amount of ungraded student work was located.

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13. On November 18, 2013, Josie Boromisza was issued a letter formally placing her on administrative leave.

14. On November 19, 2013, Josie Boromisza participated in a meeting with Ms. Berndtson and Mr. Stewart. During the meeting, among other comments, Josie Boromisza stated that on November 14, 2013 during her lunch, she had poured vodka from a bottle into another bottle and then drank the vodka in her classroom and that she had struggled with grading for several years.

15. On November 22, 2013, Josie Boromisza submitted her resignation from the Shelton School District, effective same day.

16. On April 14, 2014, Josie Boromisza participated in an audio-recorded interview with an OPP investigator.

17. On April 29, 2014, Josie Boromisza was contacted and asked to provide copies of previous substance abuse treatment and counseling therapy. Josie Boromisza agreed to provide the requested information. On June 16, 2014, Josie Boromisza was again contacted regarding the requested material and asked to provide the information to OPP by July 15, 2014.

18. On July 16, 2014, Josie Boromisza contacted OPP and left a voice message that she was requesting the substance abuse treatment documentation from the treatment provider.

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19. On August 6, 2014, OPP contacted Josie Boromisza. Josie Boromisza was informed that no documentation regarding counseling or previous treatment had been received and she was asked to provide the requested documentation no later than August 20, 2014. As of September 17, 2014, Josie Boromisza has not responded to OPP and OPP has not received the requested information.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Josie Boromisza and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 350599G, of Josie Boromisza, should be suspended for unprofessional conduct and/or lack of good moral character or personal fitness. RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 181-86-070, WAC 181-87-055 (3); WAC 181-87-060 (1); WAC 181-86-013; WAC 181-86-014.

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JOSIE BOROMISZA
FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION

ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 350599G, of Josie Boromisza be suspended for twelve (12) months.

REINSTATEMENT will require: (1) successful completion of, or continued compliance in an alcohol treatment program which is mutually agreed upon between Josie Boromisza and OPP; (2) that Josie Boromisza provide written consent for OPP to release documents to the provider for purposes of completing the evaluation; (3) that Josie Boromisza will provide OPP with evidence of her successful completion of or continued compliance in her treatment program and; (4) if requested, Josie Boromisza will sign consent forms authorizing OPP to have access to all records pertaining to her treatment and to discuss any and all treatment undertaken with the providers administering treatment. The cost of conformance to all reinstatement requirements will be the responsibility of Josie Boromisza.

AND Reinstatement shall (also) require: (1) submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Josie Boromisza's fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP); and (2) that if Josie Boromisza's education certificate expires during the period of suspension, Josie Boromisza will show that she meets all academic requirements for renewal/reinstatement of the education certificate. Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Josie Boromisza's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions, occurring after date of Order,: (1) that are listed in WAC 181-86-013 and RCW 28A.410.090; (2) no criminal convictions involving alcohol or controlled substances; and (3) and no felony convictions.

DATED This 22nd day of October, 2014.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Signed: Gil Mendoza, Ed. D
Deputy Superintendent
K-12 Education