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RE: Tonie Reiboldt

OSPI Case Number: D16-09-055

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. D16-09-055
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TONIE REIBOLDT)	FINAL ORDER OF
Certificate No. 350485R)	MANDATORY PERMANENT
)	REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from Kennewick School District ("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 TONIE REIBOLDT ("Educator") engaged in acts of unprofessional conduct to include WAC 181-86-013(1), and does hereby PERMANENTLY REVOKE the Educator's Washington Education Certificate No. 350485R, pursuant to RCW 28A.410.090(4)(c), based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

On January 22, 1997, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate, No. 350485R. The Educator's certificate expired on June 30, 2017.

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- 2. On August 22, 2016, the Office of Professional Practices ("OPP") within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction ("OSPI") received a complaint letter from Mr. Dave Bond, the Superintendent of the School District, reporting that the Educator was being investigated by the Kennewick Police Department for sending inappropriate sexual images of herself to male students in the Kennewick School District
- 3. On or about June 15, 2016, a parent of a student contacted Detective Brian Pochert of the Kennewick Police Department to report that Student A informed her that the Educator was sending sexually explicit videos of herself to students, initiating the investigation into this matter.
- 4. The School District was notified by the Kennewick Police Department of the ongoing investigation of the Educator's conduct. On or about June 20, 2016, Mr. Doug Christensen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources of the School District, sent the Educator a letter notifying her that she was being placed on paid administrative leave.
- 5. On or about June 29, 2016, the Educator turned herself in and was taken into police custody. The Educator was booked into Benton County Jail for three counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes.
- 6. On June 29, 2016, Information was filed in Benton County Superior Court, Case Number 16-1-00655-1.
- 7. On or about July 28, 2016, the Educator resigned from her position as a teacher and dance coach, with an effective date of August 31, 2016.
- 8. On January 10, 2017, an Amended Information was filed in Case Number 16-1-00655-1, adding the charge of Rape of a Child Third Degree.
- 9. On May 10, 2017, the Educator pleaded guilty to three counts of Felony Communication with a Minor with the aggravating factor of abuse of a trust relationship, and one count of Rape of a Child Third Degree with the aggravating factor of abuse of a trust relationship.

- 10. On July 5, 2017, a Judgment and Sentence and Warrant of Commitment to Department of Corrections, were filed in Benton County Superior Court for Cause Number 16-1-00655-1. The Educator was sentenced to participate in the Sexual Offender Sentencing Alternative; 60 months; 42 months suspended; 42 months community custody. At the time of this Order, the Educator is an inmate at Purdy Prison. Her expected release is May 2018.
- 11. The Educator has been offered an opportunity to respond to the allegations of misconduct, as per RCW 28A.410.090. On or about July 27, 2017, OPP received a letter from the Educator. The Educator admitted to the allegations.
- 12. 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 Education Certificate No. 350485R, of Tonie Reiboldt.

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.410.010; RCW 28A.410.090. Chapters' 181-86 and 181-87 of the Washington Administrative Code further implement OSPI's authority.
- 2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter discussed herein.
- 3. The Educator has violated WAC 181-87-080 of the Code of Professional Conduct, sexual misconduct with students.

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- 4. The Educator has demonstrated a lack of good moral character and personal fitness pursuant to WAC 181-86-013.
- 5. There is clear and convincing evidence that the Educator has demonstrated a lack of good moral character and personal fitness. WAC 181-86-175.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 181-87-080, WAC 181-86-013, and WAC 181-86-014, Tonie Reiboldt's education certificate should be permanently revoked for unprofessional conduct and a felony sex offense.

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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 350485R, of TONIE REIBOLDT be PERMANENTLY REVOKED.

DATED this 2nd day of February, 2018.

CHRIS REYKDAL Superintendent of Public Instruction State of Washington

Signed: Dierk Meierbachtol Chief Legal Officer