



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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RE: Yvonne Van Pelt
OSPI Case Number: D13-10-057
Document: Final Order of 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.

Certain information may have been redacted pursuant to Washington state laws. While those laws require that most records be disclosed on request, they also state that certain information should not be disclosed.

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

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the information that was redacted, if any, please contact:

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION
CERTIFICATE OF

Yvonne Van Pelt
Certificate No. 480122A

OPP No. D13-10-57

AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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 Yvonne Van Pelt, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 480122A, of Yvonne Van Pelt, shall be suspended, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

FINDING OF FACTS

1. Yvonne Van Pelt was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 480122A, on April 21, 2011. That certificate currently remains valid.

2. Yvonne Van Pelt was employed by the Grandview School District.

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3. On October 22, 2013, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Grandview School District and on October 23, 2014, a complaint letter from the superintendent of the Sunnyside 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 Yvonne Van Pelt.

4. From, at least, June of 2011 through March of 2012, Yvonne Van Pelt was the assistant treasurer for the Grandview Rotary swim team, a Grandview Rotary Club sponsored youth organization. In this position, Yvonne Van Pelt had control of the finances for the Grandview Rotary swim team

5. On March 28, 2012, newly-elected board members of the Grandview Rotary swim team contacted the Grandview Police Department concerning stolen money in the swim team budget records. The newly-elected board members reported to Grandview Police Department that several thousand dollars were missing and may have been spent by Yvonne Van Pelt. Grandview Police Department (GPD) Case # 12-V1147.

6. During their investigation, Grandview Police Department determined that unauthorized, questionable expenditures that Yvonne Van Pelt made took place from about June 14, 2011 to March 20, 2012. GPD Case # 12-V1147.

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7. On March 31, 2012, Yvonne Van Pelt was interviewed by the Grandview Police Department and admitted to withdrawing approximately \$4500.00 from the Grandview Rotary swim team checking account for personal use. GPD Case # 12-V1147.

8. On December 3, 2012, an Information and Declaration of Probable Cause were filed in Yakima County Superior Court charging Yvonne Van Pelt with one (1) count of First Degree Theft, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.56.030. Yakima County Superior Court Cause # 12-1-01849-4.

9. On October 14, 2013, an Amended Information was filed in Yakima County Superior Court amending Yvonne Van Pelt's charge to Second Degree Theft, RCW 9A.56.040. Yakima County Superior Court Cause # 12-1-01849-4.

10. On October 14, 2013, Yvonne Van Pelt signed a Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty to Second Degree Theft. In the Statement of Defendant on Plea of Guilty, Yvonne Van Pelt pled guilty to Second Degree Theft, a Class C Felony, RCW 9A.56.040, and stated that in June of 2011, she exerted unlawful control over funds belonging to the Grandview Rotary swim team of a value over \$750.00. Yvonne Van Pelt was sentenced to ten days of Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM), and fined \$850.00 in court fees. Yakima County Superior Court Cause # 12-1-01849-4.

11. On June 12, 2014, Yvonne Van Pelt was interviewed by an OPP Investigator.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Yvonne Van Pelt and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence that the Washington Education Certificate No. 480122A, of Yvonne Van Pelt, 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 181-86-013, WAC 181-86-014.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered and agreed that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 480122A, of Yvonne Van Pelt, be suspended for forty-five (45) days from the date of entry of this Order. Yvonne Van Pelt will not hold a position with any school district where she has access to money.

AND Reinstatement shall require: (1) submission of a new application, including Character and Fitness Supplement, provided by OPP and having Yvonne Van Pelt fingerprints be checked by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Washington State Patrol (WSP); and (2) that if Yvonne Van Pelt's education certificate expires during the period of suspension, Yvonne Van Pelt will show that she meets all academic requirements for renewal/reinstatement of the education certificate. Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Yvonne Van Pelt's fingerprint background check returning with no criminal convictions that are listed in WAC 181-86-013, RCW 28A.410.090. Reinstatement shall also be contingent upon Yvonne Van Pelt's fingerprint background check returning with no felony convictions or theft/fraud related criminal convictions occurring after June 19, 2014.

DATED This 2nd day of July, 2014.

RANDY I. DORN
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington

Stipulated to and approved
For entry; notice of presentation
waived:

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

Signed: Yvonne Van Pelt, Respondent

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