BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the License of Wesley Loewen 15-PPC-59

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 13th day of January, 2016, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board) upon Wesley Loewen's submission of a voluntary surrender of his teaching license. Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Jim McNiece, and members, John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, Janet Waugh, and Ken Willard.

WHEREUPON, by submitting a signed voluntary surrender of his teaching license to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), Mr. Loewen waived his right to notice and the opportunity for a hearing on the matter.

WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Professional Practices Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Chairman of the Commission, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law by a vote of 9 - 0.

All findings set forth in the Commission's Initial Order attached hereto are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Final Order as though fully set forth at length herein.

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Kansas State Board of Education, that Wesley Loewen's voluntary surrender of his license should be accepted and his teaching license shall be revoked immediately.

This Final Order is made and entered this 13th day of January, 2016.

Kansas State Board of Education

BY: Jim McNiece, Chairman Signed February ______, 2016

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

You may request a reconsideration of the above Order. To do so, you must file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Secretary to the State Board of Education, at the address stated below, within 15 days after service of this Final Order. The Petition must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested.

The filing of a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review.

Peggy Hill Secretary, KSBE Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson Ave. Suite 600N Topeka, Kansas 66612

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of February, 2016, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Wesley Loewen 11704 W. 100th Terrace Overland Park, Kansas 66214

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli M. Broers Attorney, Kansas State Department of Education Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson Ave., Suite 102 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Peggy Hill, Secretary

Kansas State Board of Education

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License of Wesley Loewen

15-PPC-59

INITIAL ORDER

The above-captioned case comes before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon the matter of the license of Wesley Loewen.

This matter convened on November 23, 2015. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sleck, and members, Tayls Describers, Dorsey Burgess, Jessica Snider, Justin Henry, John McKinney, and Ginger Riddle. Mr. Loewen appeared not. KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, Kelli Broers.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Wesley Loewen has been licensed as a Kansas teacher since 2008.
- 2. While serving as a substitute teacher with USD 229, Mr. Loewen misused school district property which led to student exposure to sexual internet content.
- 3. After receiving a letter from KSDB and discussing the matter on the telephone, Mr. Loewon agreed to voluntarily surrender his license as a consequence of his actions. He submitted an executed and notarized voluntary surrender on or about October 13, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS

- A member of the teaching or school administration profession may voluntarily surrender his
 license to the Commission. The surrender shall be investigated by the Commission. A
 recommendation shall be made by the Commission to the State Board for disposition of the
 license. K.A.R. 91-22-5a(s).
- 2. A license may be revoked by the State Board for misconduct or other just cause. K.A.R. 91-22-1a. Mr. Loswen's conduct are grounds for the revocation of his license.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends, by a vote of 7 - 0, subject to review by the State Board, that Wesley Loewen's voluntary surrender of his license should be accepted and his teaching license should be revoked immediately.

This Initial Order is made and entered this November 23, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Juda Sleck, Chairperson

Order signed on December 14

. 2015.

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

This Initial Order is not a Pinal Order and must be reviewed by the State Board in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. You may submit to the State Board for its consideration as part of its review of the Initial Order, a written brief citing legal authority as to why the above recommendation should not be accepted. The legal brief must be filed with the Secretary of the Professional Practices Commission at the address below within ten days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board.

Theresa Coté Secretary, Professional Practices Commission Kansas State Department of Education 900 SW Jackson Street Topeka, Kansas 66612-1182

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