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Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

PAM STEWART, Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

VS.

JANNETT AMELDA PUSEY,



EPC CASE Nº 16-0501-RT DOAH CASE Nº 16-5844PL PPS Nº 145-1360 CERTIFICATE Nº 730057

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Respondent.____/

Final Order

This matter was heard by a Teacher Panel of the Education Practices

Commission pursuant to Sections 1012.795, 1012.796 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes,
on June 1, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida, for consideration of the Recommended Order
entered in this case by DARREN A. SCHWARTZ, Administrative Law Judge.

Respondent was not present but was represented. Petitioner was represented by
Bonnie Wilmot, Esq.

Ruling on Exceptions

Exception 2: The Commission rejected Exception 2, finding that the term "forcibly" is supported by competent substantial evidence and a proper inference by the Administrative Law Judge.

Exception 3: The Commission rejected Exception 3, finding that the term "forcibly dragged" is supported by competent substantial evidence and a proper inference by the

Administrative Law Judge.

Exception 4: The Commission rejected Exception 4, finding that "Respondent told K. to pinch M.C. back," is supported by competent substantial evidence.

Exception 5: The Commission rejected Exception 5, competent substantial evidence supports the finding that Respondent's conduct was inappropriate, abusive and seriously reduced her effectiveness.

Exception 6: The Commission rejected Exception 6, finding that this exception addresses the credibility of the witnesses, which is the province of the Administrative Law Judge.

Exception 7: The Commission rejected Exception 7, finding that this exception addresses the credibility of the witnesses, which is the province of the Administrative Law Judge.

Exception 8: The Commission rejected Exception 8, finding that this exception addresses the credibility of the witnesses, which is the province of the Administrative Law Judge.

Exception 9: The Commission rejected Exception 9, finding that competent substantial evidence supports the finding that Respondent "interfered with the investigation into her conduct."

Exception 10: The Commission rejected Exception 10, finding that this exception addresses the credibility of the witnesses, which is the province of the Administrative Law Judge.

Exception 11: The Commission rejected Exception 11, finding that this exception addresses the credibility of the witnesses, which is the province of the Administrative

Law Judge.

Conclusion of Law, Paragraph 33: The Commission rejected Conclusion of Law, Paragraph 33, finding that there are no amended findings of fact; therefore, the ALJ's conclusion of law be accepted.

Conclusion of Law, Paragraph 40: The Commission rejected the exception to Conclusion of Law, Paragraph 40, finding that this exception addresses the credibility of the witnesses, which is the province of the Administrative Law Judge.

Conclusion of Law, Paragraph 42: The Commission rejected the exception to Conclusion of Law, Paragraph 42, finding that there were no aggravating or mitigating circumstances "to the extent necessary to warrant deviation from the wide range of penalties already permitted within the guidelines."

Respondent's exceptions are attached and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

Findings of Fact

- 1. The Panel hereby adopts the findings of fact in paragraphs 1-25 of the Recommended Order.
 - 2. There is competent substantial evidence to support these findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The Education Practices Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes.
- 2. The Panel hereby adopts the conclusions of law in paragraphs 26-42 of the Recommended Order.

Penalty

Upon a complete review of the record in this case, it is therefore **ORDERED** that:

Respondent's Florida educator's certificate is hereby revoked for a period of 5

years from the date of this Final Order.

This Final Order takes effect upon filing with the Clerk of the Education Practices Commission.

DONE AND **ORDERED**, this 16th day of June, 2017.

CRISTINA BASSO, Presiding Officer

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order was furnished to Jannett Amelda Pusey, Post Office Box 22943, Hialeah, FL 33002 and Melissa Mihok, Esq., 201 East Pine Street, Suite 445, Orlando, FL 32801 by Certified U.S. Mail, by electronic Bonnie Wilmot, Deputy General Counsel and Charles T. Whitelock, Esq., 300 Southeast 13th Street, Suite E, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316 this 16th day of June, 2017.

Lisa Forbess, Clerk Education Practices Commission

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