

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for Anthony J. Gier, Case No. C-2012-075R

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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: February 7, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Anthony J. Gier applied for a Principal teaching certificate on September 20, 2012. On his application for certification, he answered “yes” to the following questions:

Have you ever received a reprimand or other disciplinary action involving any professional certification or license?

Have you ever had any professional certificate or license, revoked or suspended?

Mr. Gier disclosed that he broke his teaching contract in El Centro, CA and his teaching certificate issued by the California Commission on Education was suspended for 31 days, in June of 2011.

In August of 2008, Mr. Gier signed a teaching contract with the El Centro District to teach Math. He was told that he had two years to take courses that would allow him to earn the credential in the subject matter areas. He began to struggle with the subject content. He was accepted by a school to enter the nursing program. In December of 2008, he asked to be released from his contract. The school where he worked refused. In January of 2009, he was accepted by another college to attend a Nursing program. He again asked to be released due to his struggles with teaching the subject content. They again refused. He then gave his notice and resigned.

Anthony Gier was notified that his application required a review by the Professional Practices Advisory committee (“PPAC”) of the State Board of Education (“State Board”).

On January 8, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Anthony Gier’s application.

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- His current work history in Arizona.
- The reinstatement of his California teaching certificate and the issuance of an administrative certificate.
- Short term California suspension of his administrative certificate.
- Administrative reluctance to release the teacher from a contract in order to yield an outcome mutually beneficial to the teacher and the students.

The PPAC found no aggravating factors.

By a vote of 5 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **grant Anthony Gier’s** application for certification.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board accept the findings of facts, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the PPAC to **grant Anthony Gier’s** application for certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []