

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

January 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for Michael Tuttle, Case No. C-2013-094R

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 9, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Michael Tuttle applied for an Art education teaching certificate on July 16, 2013.

Michael Tuttle answered "yes" to the following questions:

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

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

Mr. Tuttle's teaching certificate was suspended for sixty days by the Washington State Board of Education for inappropriate use of a school district computer. Mr. Tuttle admitted to viewing internet porn one time while at home. The suspension began on April 1, 2003, and ended on May 30, 2003. His certification was then reinstated on May 30, 2003.

Michael Tuttle was advised that his application required a review by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC") of the State Board of Education ("State Board").

On November 13, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Michael Tuttle's application.

The PPAC found the following aggravating factors:

- None

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- Applicant's certificate was reinstated after the 60 day suspension.
- The conduct was discovered by an IT audit without any parent, student or staff complaint.
- Length of time since the incident
- Letters of reference from both a principal and colleague who were aware of the conduct
- Candor before the PPAC
- Lack of a criminal record or other misconduct.

By a vote of 5 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **grant Michael Tuttle'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 Michael Tuttle's** application for certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []