DATE: JUNE 3, 2013
TO: Vicki Phillips
FROM: Jessica Riddick
SUBJECT: JAMES K. STUGLIS
Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03)
Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09)
Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75)

The State Superintendent of Education has suspended the Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03), Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09) and Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75) of James Stuglis pursuant to Section 21B-75 of the School Code. A copy of the Superintendent’s Order is attached. Please inform the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board of this action. For the purpose of reporting to NASDTEC, this action is based on fiscal impropriety but there was no criminal conviction.

Attachment: Order
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

cc: Jeff Aranowski
    Nicki Bazer
    Pam Kellus
    Bonnie Schnirring
    Kellee Sullivan
June 3, 2013

James K. Stuglis

Re: Suspension of Certificates
Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03)
Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09)
Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75)

Dear Mr. Stuglis:

The State Superintendent of Education has suspended your Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03), Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09) and Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75) for three years pursuant to Section 21B-75 of the School Code. A copy of the Superintendent's Order is enclosed for your information.

Regards,

Jessica Riddick
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure: Order

cc: Vicki Phillips (via email)
Regional Superintendent Leslie Schermerhorn, McHenry County (via email)
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OF THE
TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE
CERTIFICATES of
JAMES K. STUGLIS
Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03)
Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09)
Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75)

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

You are advised that your Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03); Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09) and Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75) are subject to suspension for 3 years pursuant to Section 21B-75 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-75), based on conduct alleged in the attached Statement of Charges. Section 21B-75 of the School Code provides that any certificate may be suspended or revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB), upon evidence of immorality or unprofessional conduct. You are entitled to a hearing pursuant to Part 475 of Title 23 Illinois Administrative Code, before the SEPLB before action is taken to suspend your certificates.

In accordance with 23 Ill. Admin. Code 475.40, if you wish to contest the charges in the attached Statement of Charges or the recommended sanction, you are hereby advised that you must request a hearing in writing within 10 days of receipt of this Notice. A hearing officer will be appointed and will contact you with further information.

If you do not wish to contest the charges in the attached Statement of Charges or the recommended sanction, you do not have to request a hearing, and the recommended sanction will be imposed. You will receive an Order explaining the sanction that has been imposed. The sanction will begin as of the date of that Order.

Upon final order of the SEPLB or State Superintendent Koch to suspend or revoke a certificate, the SEPLB or its designee shall report the final disposition of the certificate holder to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC).
If you do request a hearing before the SEPLB, such hearing will be held in accordance with the administrative rules governing hearings at 23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 475. A request for a hearing must be addressed to:

Dr. Christopher A. Koch  
State Superintendent of Education  
Illinois State Board of Education  
100 N. First Street  
Springfield IL 62777

You are further advised that any certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder pursuant to Section 21-14 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21-14). A certificate holder may choose to surrender his or her certificate to avoid the administrative hearing process. A voluntarily surrendered certificate is considered a revoked certificate. Should you elect to take that course, I am enclosing, for your convenience, a copy of a document that may be used for that purpose. As you may note, the document must be signed before a notary public.

Please contact Assistant General Counsel Jessica Riddick at (312) 814-2223 if you have any questions.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield, Illinois,  
this 14th day of November 2012.

Enclosures

cc: Regional Superintendent Leslie Schermerhorn, McHenry County
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD  

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES  

The Illinois State Superintendent of Education hereby approves the following charges and incorporates these charges as part of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued to James K. Stuglis ("Respondent"), holder of Certificate Numbers 1754190 (Type 03), 1754191 (Type 09), and 2221880 (Type 75):  

Material Allegations  

1. In March of 2010, Respondent was employed as a physical education teacher, football coach, and Athletic Director in Community High School District No. 155, Crystal Lake South High School.  

2. In March of 2010, it was discovered that Respondent had a bag containing approximately $8,000 in a closet in his office and approximately $1,800 in his desk drawer.  

3. Respondent interfered with and obstructed the investigation into his conduct by providing inconsistent and dishonest explanations for why he had these monies in his office, attempting to instruct a colleague not to cooperate with the investigation into his conduct, and failing to attend investigatory conferences regarding his conduct.  

4. It was determined that Respondent misappropriated thousands of dollars in school funds, by manipulating vending machines at the school and fundraising efforts for the school’s athletic programs.  


6. Stuglis was convicted of Theft from a School over $300, and was sentenced on March 21, 2012, to 24 months of probation, restitution to the school district, 100 hours community service, and 30 days of imprisonment in the custody of the County Sheriff's office.
Violations

7. Respondent’s conduct as outlined in the material allegations establishes immoral, unprofessional, and criminal behavior.

8. Respondent’s conduct violated Section 21B-75 of the Illinois School Code [105 ILCS 5/21B-75] which provides that any certificate may be suspended or revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board upon evidence of immorality or unprofessional conduct.

Wherefore, based on the violations as alleged above, the Superintendent recommends that Respondent’s Certificate Numbers 1754190 (Type 03), 1754191 (Type 09), and 2221880 (Type 75) be suspended for three years.
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing Notice of Opportunity for Hearing by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, via certified mail, postage prepaid, on November 28, 2012, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

James K. Stuglis

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on November 28, 2012, on the following at the address shown:

The Honorable Leslie Schermerhorn
Regional Superintendent of Schools, McHenry County
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock IL 60098

Jessica Riddick
Assistant General Counsel
IN THE MATTER OF THE
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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS Section 21-14 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/21-14) provides that any teaching and administrative certificate may be voluntarily surrendered by the certificate holder:

WHEREAS Section 21-14 further provides that a voluntarily surrendered certificate must be treated as a revoked certificate:

WHEREAS 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 requires that all other states and possessions of the United States must be notified when a certificate is revoked in Illinois:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned JAMES K. STUGLIS hereby knowingly, willfully and voluntarily surrenders his Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03); Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09) and Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75) and consents to their revocation subject to the notice provisions of 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 set forth above.

JAMES K. STUGLIS
Certificate Holder

Signed and sworn before me
this ___th day of ___________ 2012.

Notary Public
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

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ORDER

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, being charged with the authority and responsibility for suspending certificates to teach in the State of Illinois, finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS on November 28, 2012, a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Statement of Charges was served on James K. Stuglis ("Stuglis"), the provisions of which are hereby incorporated into this Order, recommending that his Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03), Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09) and Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75) be suspended for a period of three (3) years for unprofessional and immoral conduct in violation of Section 21B-75 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-75);

WHEREAS the State Superintendent had issued sufficient notice of opportunity for hearing in accordance with Section 21B-75 of the School Code and 23 Illinois Administrative Code 475.40 through the mailing of November 28, 2012, a subsequent mailing on February 1, 2013 and his notice by publication in the Northwest Herald on April 14, 2013;

WHEREAS, Stuglis failed to timely request a hearing in this matter; and therefore, Stuglis' failure to timely request a hearing results in the sanction recommended by the State Superintendent being imposed as a matter of law;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT Certificate No. 1754190 (Type 03), Certificate No. 1754191 (Type 09) and Certificate No. 2221880 (Type 75) of Stuglis be hereby suspended for a period of three (3) years, effective as of the date of this Order.

This is a final administrative determination and is subject to review pursuant to provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and 105 ILCS 5/21B-90.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield, Illinois,
this 21st day of May, 2013.
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing Order by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, via certified mail, postage prepaid, on June 3, 2013, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

James K. Stuglis

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents by electronic mail, on June 3, 2013, on the following at the address shown:

Vicki Phillips, Secretary
State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
100 North 1st Street
Springfield IL 62777
vphillip@isbe.net

The Honorable Leslie Schermerhorn
Regional Superintendent of Schools, McHenry County
2200 North Seminary Avenue
Woodstock IL 60098
laschermerhorn@co.mchenry.il.us

[Signature]
Jessica Riddick
Assistant General Counsel