September 30, 2014

Ms. Susan E. Haben

Re: Revocation of Teacher’s Aide Approval
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Dear Ms. Haben:

The State Superintendent of Education has revoked your Teacher’s Aide Approval pursuant to Section 21B-75 of the School Code. A copy of the Superintendent’s Order is enclosed for your information.

Regards,

Angela Wartowski
Investigator

Enclosure: Order

cc: Kellee Sullivan (via email)
Regional Superintendent Hon. Christopher D. Mehochko, Grundy & Kendall Counties (via email)
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 September 30, 2014, addressed to the following at the address shown:

Susan E. Haben

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents via electronic mail on September 30, 2014, on the following at the addresses shown:

Kellee Sullivan, Secretary
State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
100 North 1st Street
Springfield IL 62777
ksulliva@isbe.net

The Honorable Christopher D. Mehochko
Regional Superintendent of Schools,
Grundy and Kendall Counties
1320 Union St.
Morris, IL 60450
cmehochko@roe24.org

Angela Wartowski, Investigator
Illinois State Board of Education
IN THE MATTER OF THE
REVOCATION OF THE
TEACHER'S AIDE APPROVAL of
SUSAN E. HABEN

ORDER

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

WHEREAS on July 30, 2014, a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Statement of Charges was issued to Licensee ("SUSAN E. HABEN"), the provisions of which are hereby incorporated into this Order, recommending that her teacher's aide approval be revoked for unprofessional and immoral conduct in violation of Section 21B-75 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-75);

WHEREAS THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION had issued sufficient notice of opportunity for hearing in accordance with Section 21B-75 of the School Code and 23 Ill. Admin. Code 475.40 through the mailing of July 30, 2014 via certified mail; of August 6, 2014 via regular U.S. mail, and by publication in the Times of Ottawa on August 27, 2014;

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

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT the teacher's aide approval of SUSAN E. HABEN be hereby revoked, 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 _30th_ day of _September_, 2014.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION
OF THE TEACHER’S AIDE APPROVAL OF
SUSAN HABEN
Teacher’s Aide Approval

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

You are advised that your Teacher’s Aide Approval is subject to revocation 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 approval 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 revoke your approval.

Pursuant to 23 Ill. Admin. Code 475.40, if you wish to contest the charges in the enclosed 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 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

A hearing officer will be appointed and will contact you with further information. 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.

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.

You are further advised that any approval may be voluntarily surrendered by the holder pursuant to Section 21B-45 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-45). An approval holder may choose to surrender his or her approval to avoid the administrative hearing process. A
voluntarily surrendered approval is considered a revoked approval. Should you elect to take that course, I am enclosing a Voluntary Surrender form. This form must be signed before a notary public.

Upon final order of the SEPLB or State Superintendent Koch to suspend or revoke an approval, the SEPLB or its designee shall report the final disposition of the approval holder to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC).

Please contact Investigator Angela Wartowski at (312) 814-0943 if you have any questions.

[Signature]
Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield, Illinois, this 25th day of July 2014.

Enclosures
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION OF THE TEACHER’S AIDE APPROVAL OF SUSAN HABEN

Teacher’s Aide Approval

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 Susan Haben (“Respondent”), holder of Illinois Teacher’s Aide Approval.

Material Allegations
1. Respondent worked for the Kendall County Special Education Cooperative as a paraprofessional from 2005 until her resignation in April 2010.
2. In February 2010, the Yorkville Police began an investigation into allegations that Respondent was providing drugs and alcohol to students that she met through her job with Kendall County Special Education Cooperative.
3. On March 23, 2010, Respondent was arrested and charged with four counts of Unlawful Delivery of Alcohol to Minors.
4. On April 19, 2010, Respondent resigned from Kendall County Special Education Cooperative.
5. On January 4, 2011, Respondent pled guilty to four misdemeanor counts of Unlawful Delivery of Alcohol to Minors. Respondent was sentenced to eighteen (18) months of probation and ten (10) days in jail.

Violations
6. Respondent’s conduct as outlined in the material allegations establishes gross unprofessional and immoral behavior that precludes her from continuing to hold a TA Approval issued by the State of Illinois.
7. Respondent’s conduct violated Section 21B-75 of the Illinois School Code [105 ILCS 5/21B-75] which provides that any approval may be suspended or revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board upon evidence of unprofessional or immoral conduct.

WHEREFORE, based on the aforesaid violations, the Superintendent recommends that TA Approval held by Respondent be revoked for her immoral and unprofessional conduct.
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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF APPROVAL

WHEREAS Section 21B-45 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-45) provides that any approval may be voluntarily surrendered by the holder:

WHEREAS Section 21B-45 further provides that a voluntarily surrendered approval shall be treated as a revoked approval;

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

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned SUSAN E. HABEN hereby knowingly, willfully and voluntarily surrenders her Teacher’s Aide Approval and consents to its revocation subject to the notice provisions of 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 set forth above.

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SUSAN E. HABEN
Holder of Teacher’s Aide Approval

Signed and sworn before me
this ___ day of ____________, 2014.

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Notary Public
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 July 30, 2014, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

Susan E Haben
[Obfuscated Address]

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents via electronic mail, on July 30, 2014, on the following at the address shown:

The Honorable Christopher D Mehochko
Regional Superintendent of Schools,
Grundy/Kendall Counties
1320 Union St
Morris IL 60450
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[Signature]
Angela Wartowski, Investigator
Illinois State Board of Education