

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE LICENSE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
JANE M. WALLACE : ORDER OF REVOCATON
_____ : DOCKET NO. 431-01/97-129

At its meeting of January 23, 1995, the State Board of Examiners reviewed information received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Department of Education indicating that the Pennsylvania teaching certificate of Jane M. Wallace was revoked in June, 1996 for moral turpitude based on her conviction of charges of aggravated assault, indecent assault, endangering the welfare of children, corruption of minors and conspiracy to commit those crimes. Currently Respondent holds a Speech Correctionist license in New Jersey.

At that meeting, the State Board of Examiners voted to issue an Order to Show Cause to Respondent based on the aforesaid information. The Order was mailed to Respondent by regular and certified mail on February 14, 1997. Both copies were returned indicating that the mail was not deliverable as addressed. Assistance was sought from both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Licensing in order to determine the current address for Respondent. Both agencies provided an address and indicated that Respondent was now using the name Jane I. Morrison.

On June 6, 1997, the Order to Show Cause was again forwarded to Ms. Morrison by regular and certified mail advising her that we were informed that her current name was now Jane I. Morrison. Ms. Morrison signed the certified mail receipt card. The regular mail was not returned. No response has been received from or on behalf of Respondent.

It is therefore ORDERED that the charges set forth in the Order to Show Cause are deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding. By virtue of holding a teaching license, Respondent has been entrusted by the State with the care and custody of school children. Tenure Hearing of Sammons, 1972 S.L.D. 302, 321. The respondent has, however, by her conduct, violated that most sacred trust. She has

repeatedly endangered minor children. Such comportment is so foreign to the expectations of the deeds and actions of a professional certificated teacher - or of any person - that it raises doubts as to the continued performance of that person in the classroom. Tenure of Blasco, OAL Dkt. EDU 3842-79 (July 15, 1980), mod. Comm'r of Ed. (August 28, 1980), mod. St. Bd. of Ed. (Feb. 4, 1981). Based on her convictions, the public must be assured that the respondent will no longer be given access to children as a teacher.

Accordingly, the State Board of Examiners finds Respondent's convictions conduct unbecoming a license holder. The appropriate penalty for her unbecoming conduct is the revocation of Respondent's New Jersey teaching license as a Speech Correctionist due to the level and nature and level of her offenses.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the New Jersey license of Jane M. Wallace, a.k.a. Jane I. Morrison, as a Speech Correctionist be revoked on this 11th day of December 1997.

It is further ORDERED that Jane M. Wallace, a.k.a. Jane I. Morrison return her license to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Licensing, CN 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter.

Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Mailing: February 23, 1998

Appeals may be made to the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-28.

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