

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
NICHOLAS BROWN : ORDER OF SUSPENSION
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This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Nicholas Brown as to why his teaching certificates should not be revoked. Brown currently holds a Teacher of Physical Education certificate, issued in October 1982, a Teacher of Health and Physical Education certificate, issued in January 1985, a Teacher of Driver Education certificate, issued in October 1987, a Supervisor certificate, issued in September 1998, a Principal Certificate of Eligibility, issued in December 1998, a Principal certificate, issued in June 2001, a School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility, issued in December 2003 and a School Administrator certificate, issued in November 2006. The Order to Show Cause was based on information provided to the State Board of Examiners by the Department of Education's Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC). OFAC's report indicated that Brown, the superintendent in Stanhope during the period detailed in the report, allowed unauthorized expenditures for school building projects, held the superintendent's position initially without proper certification and received separation pay that was neither approved by the Commissioner nor paid in an authorized manner. After the teaching certification matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Brown presented a settlement proposal to the Board in which his School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility and School Administrator certificate would be suspended for five years and his Principal Certificate of Eligibility and Principal certificate would be suspended for two years. All of his other certificates would remain effective. After reviewing the settlement proposal, at its meeting of

March 31, 2011, the Board of Examiners voted to accept the proposal. Accordingly, on this 31st day of March 2011, Nicholas Brown's School Administrator Certificate of Eligibility and School Administrator certificate are hereby suspended for five years and his Principal Certificate of Eligibility and Principal certificate are hereby suspended for two years.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision:

Date of Mailing: