

Bonduel principal could lose license

DPI investigating Grayvold's past

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State education officials are investigating whether Bonduel Elementary School Principal Brad Grayvold lied on his state license application to conceal a 2010 conviction for domestic violence.

Grayvold could lose his license and become ineligible to continue as principal if the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction determines that he falsified his application.

The Shawano Leader obtained a copy of the license application on which Grayvold answered "no" to whether he has ever been convicted of a crime, including one that was later expunged from his record.

Grayvold was found guilty in August 2010 of misdemeanor domestic violence after a physical altercation with a woman outside the school where he worked in Michigan. The conviction was expunged after Grayvold completed a year of probation, although it remains a matter of public record.

DPI spokesman Tom McCarthy said the investigation launched Thursday would include both the domestic violence case and the question of whether Grayvold was truth-

ful on his license application.

Depending what the investigation shows, McCarthy said, Grayvold could lose his license to work as a school district administrator in Wisconsin.

"That is always an option that the department has," said McCarthy, who declined to discuss other options.

Bonduel School District Administrator Patrick Rau said in an email Thursday that Grayvold had a valid state license when the district hired him, and officials had not been notified why the state was investigating the license.

"Until we receive further information from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction," Rau said, "we are not going to speculate on the reason for the status change."

Grayvold, who was hired June 12 to become principal at Bonduel Elementary School, said he was unaware of the DPI investigation.

Grayvold said he believes he was truthful on his license application because, he said, the domestic violence case in 2010 was "dismissed" without any investigation or conviction, under a deal worked out with prosecutors and the judge.

"I've done what I needed to do," he said. "We're just being positive going forward. I've done a great job, and I continue to do it."

Grayvold began his principal's job in Bonduel effective July 1, overseeing about 300 students from kindergarten



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