

IN RE JESSE B.

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Decided March 12, 2009

Panel: CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, LEVY, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The father of Jesse B. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Biddeford, *Foster, J.*) terminating his parental rights to Jesse B. pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2008).

Contrary to the father's arguments, the court explicitly found by clear and convincing evidence that termination of the father's parental rights was in Jesse B.'s best interest and therefore made the necessary factual findings required by 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a). *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *cf. In re Amanda H.*, 2007 ME 43, ¶ 2, 917 A.2d 1120, 1120 (where court "did not explicitly find by clear and convincing evidence that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interests of the children"); *In re Mariah B.*, 2006 ME 141, ¶¶ 7-9, 910 A.2d 401, 403 (where court did not make "explicit findings addressing both the parental unfitness and the best interest of the child"). In addition, the court rationally could have found clear and convincing evidence in the record to support its findings of the father's parental unfitness and its conclusion that termination of the father's parental rights was in the best interest of Jesse B. *See In re Marcus S.*, 2007 ME 24, ¶ 6, 916 A.2d 225, 227.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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