

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Revocation)
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and Voluntary Surrender of the)
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Educator Certificate of)
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Terrance Anthony Christie, Jr.,)
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Certificate 250462)

**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
AND REVOCATION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

W The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 10th, 2011. On December 9, 2010, the Chair of the State Board, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370 (c) (2004), § 59-5-10 (2004), and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA summarily suspended the educator certificate of Terrance Anthony Christie, Jr., certificate 250462, as a result of his arrest on December 6, 2010, on criminal charges. On December 10, 2010, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Mr. Christie a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 250462 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. On December 13, 2010, counsel for Mr. Christie informed the SCDE that Mr. Christie desired to reserve his right to a hearing pending the resolution of the criminal charges. On February 15, 2011, Mr. Christie waived his right to a hearing and agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of his educator certificate. After reviewing the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation of Mr. Christie's educator certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Christie holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate and has over three years of teaching experience. Mr. Christie has previously been employed by the Pickens County School District (District) as the head basketball coach at Daniel High School and is currently on administrative leave without pay. On December 6, 2010, Mr. Christie was

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arrested following an investigation into allegations of an assault he committed on District property.

On December 9, 2010, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370 (c) (2004), § 59-5-10 (2004), and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended Mr. Christie's educator certificate 250462, as a result of his arrest on December 6, 2010, on the charge of Assault and Battery Second Degree. On December 10, 2010, the SCDE sent Mr. Christie a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 250462 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. On December 13, 2010, counsel for Mr. Christie informed the SCDE that he desired to reserve his right to a hearing until the criminal case is concluded. On February 15, 2011, Mr. Christie waived his right to a hearing and agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of his educator certificate.

Mr. Christie voluntarily agrees to the permanent surrender of his educator certificate 250462 and agrees to the following conditions: (1) his educator certificate will become permanently invalid and revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation. (2) he may never reapply for a South Carolina educator certificate; (3) he has waived his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; (4) he agrees not to be employed or to volunteer, in any capacity, in any school district in the State of South Carolina; and (5) he acknowledges that the voluntary surrender of his educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and revocation with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The South Carolina State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code

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Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). Just cause includes "Unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (Supp. 2009). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE, which is undisputed by Mr. Christie, demonstrates that Mr. Christie engaged in unprofessional conduct, committed a crime against the law of this state, and demonstrated an evident unfitness for the position for which he was employed and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender Mr. Christie's educator certificate 250462 and to permanently revoke his educator certificate, effective March 10, 2011. As a condition of this consent order, Mr. Christie shall never be eligible to apply for an educator certificate in South Carolina. Mr. Christie has waived his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation of the educator certificate of Terrance Anthony Christie, Jr., certificate 250462 is accepted. The permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of Mr. Christie's educator certificate 250462 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this State, and evident unfitness for position for which employed."

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: *Gerrita Postlewait*
Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 10, 2011

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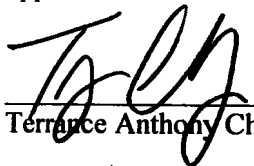
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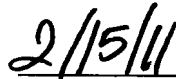
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I, Terrance Anthony Christie, Jr., S.C. Educator Certificate 250462, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of educator certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina. I agree that I will not serve as a volunteer or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and Revocation, consisting of four pages, and understand that this Order will be presented for approval to the South Carolina State Board of Education on March 16, 2011.


Terrance Anthony Christie, Jr.


Date