

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Revocation  
and Voluntary Surrender of the  
Educator Certificate of  
Steven C. Vickery,  
Certificate 201571

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
PERMANENT  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March <sup>11</sup>~~10~~, 2011. On August 24, 2009, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Mr. Vickery a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 201571 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. On August 27, 2009, Mr. Vickery received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. On September 1, 2009, Mr. Vickery contacted the SCDE and requested a hearing in this matter. Prior to the hearing in this matter, Mr. Vickery's attorney informed the SCDE that Mr. Vickery had decided to waive his right to a hearing and had agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his educator certificate. After reviewing the information presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Mr. Vickery's educator certificate.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Mr. Vickery holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has nine years of teaching experience. Mr. Vickery was previously employed by Anderson County School District One (District) as a teacher at Palmetto Middle School beginning in 2000 until his resignation. Mr. Vickery resigned from his employment with the District, effective May 6, 2009, following the District's investigation into allegations of Mr. Vickery's unprofessional conduct with students. The District reported this matter to SCDE.

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Mr. Vickery voluntarily agrees to the permanent surrender of his educator certificate 201571 and agrees to the following conditions: (1) his educator certificate will become permanently invalid immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (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; (5) he may only be present on school district property with respect to his parental duties for his two children; and (6) 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 with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct."

#### 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 Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). Just cause includes "Unprofessional conduct." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (Supp. 2010). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Mr. Vickery engaged in unprofessional conduct with students. The State Board further finds that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of the educator certificate 201571 issued in the name of Steven C. Vickery, and to permanently render invalid Mr. Vickery's educator

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certificate, effective March 10, 2011. As a condition of this consent order, Mr. Vickery shall never be eligible to apply for an educator certificate in South Carolina. Mr. Vickery 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 of the educator certificate of Steven C. Vickery, certificate 201571 is accepted. The permanent voluntary surrender of Mr. Vickery's educator certificate 201571 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."

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: Gerrita Postlewait  
Gerrita Postlewait, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
March 10, 2011

I, Steven C. Vickery, S.C. Educator Certificate 201571, 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 permanently 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 that I may only be present on school district property with respect to my parental duties for my two children. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented for approval to the South Carolina State Board of Education on March 10, 2011.

Steven C. Vickery  
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