

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension	)	
	)	
or Revocation of the Educator	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
	)	
Certificate of Brooke A. Reed	)	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
	)	
<u>Certificate 251376</u>	)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 12, 2015. On May 21, 2015, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Brooke A. Reed regarding the possible disciplinary action of her educator certificate and her right to a hearing, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. On May 27, 2015, Ms. Reed received the notice letter as evidenced by the signed postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. Reed informed the SCDE that she agreed to waive her right to a hearing and accept a public reprimand of her educator certificate. After considering the information presented by the SCDE, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

Accepted:
Brooke A.
Reed
251376


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FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Reed holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has seven years of teaching experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Reed was employed by Lancaster County School District (District) as a Spanish teacher at Indian Land High School (School). The District conducted an investigation into allegations that Ms. Reed failed to exercise professional judgment when she engaged in inappropriate communication with a male student at the School. On June 27, 2014, Ms. Reed ended her employment with the District, since she had previously planned to move from South Carolina.

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Ms. Reed acknowledges that she has engaged in unprofessional conduct. She waives her right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. Ms. Reed consents to the public reprimand of her educator

certificate, subject to the following terms: (1) a Public Reprimand shall be issued by the State Board, (2) the Public Reprimand shall be reported to all school districts in South Carolina, and (3) the Consent Order of Public Reprimand shall be posted on the SCDE's website and shall be maintained as a public record in the SCDE's Office of General Counsel. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand with the terms set forth above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (Rev. 2004); The State Board may, for just cause, issue a public reprimand. 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2011). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-2-160 (Rev. 2004). The State Board finds that the evidence presented, which is undisputed by Ms. Reed, demonstrates that Ms. Reed engaged in unprofessional conduct, as a result of her inappropriate communication with a male student at the School, and that just cause exists to publicly reprimand Ms. Reed. The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Public Reprimand is accepted and issued to Brooke A. Reed, certificate 251376. The public reprimand shall be reported to all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

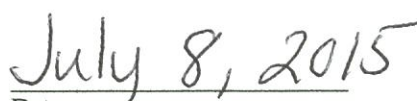
South Carolina State Board of Education


Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

August 12, 2015

I, Brooke A. Reed, S.C. Educator Certificate 251376, have read the Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the South Carolina State Board of Education on August 12, 2015.


Signature
Date