

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of Revocation)
)
of the Educator Certificate of)
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Alexandra D. McClure,)
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Certificate 260690)
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**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 8, 2016. On March 28, 2016, the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended the educator certificate of Alexandra D. McClure, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2004), § 59-5-10 (2004) and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, following her arrest on or about March 23, 2016, in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and being charged with three counts of Sexual Battery with a Student. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Ms. McClure, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, informing her of the summary suspension of her educator certificate and that the State Board would meet to make a determination regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her educator certificate. Ms. McClure received the written notice, as evidenced by the signed mail receipt dated April 7, 2016. On October 17, 2016, Ms. McClure's attorney informed the SCDE that Ms. McClure desired to enter into this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 260690, effective November 8, 2016. On October 20, 2016, Ms. McClure plead guilty to three counts of Sexual Battery with a Student.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. McClure holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over three years of teaching experience. She had been employed by the Spartanburg County School District Five (District) as a Spanish teacher at Byrnes High School (School). On March 18, 2016, the District notified the SCDE that Ms. McClure had resigned from her position at the School, effective March 17, 2016. Ms. McClure's resignation occurred during an investigation into allegations that Ms. McClure had sent inappropriately sexual text messages to students and engaged in a physical, sexual relationship with at least one student.

On or about March 23, 2016, Ms. McClure was arrested in Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and charged with three felony counts of Sexual Battery with a Student, pursuant to

S.C. Code. Ann. § 16-3-755 (2010). It was alleged that in October 2014, Ms. McClure performed acts of a sexual nature on a male student on three occasions, twice at her residence and another time after a school football game in her car.

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Ms. McClure agrees to the permanent voluntary surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 260690 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become permanently invalid and permanently revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (2) she has waived her right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) she understands that the permanent surrender and revocation of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse.

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After considering the evidence presented concerning Ms. McClure's unprofessional conduct, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Ms. McClure's educator certificate 260690, effective November 8, 2016.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

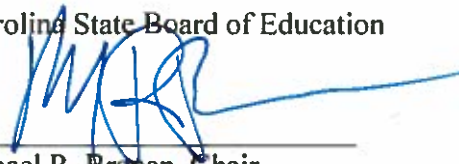
"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this state, immorality, conduct involving moral turpitude and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. McClure engaged in unprofessional conduct, crime against the law of this state, immorality, moral turpitude, and demonstrated unfitness for position for which

employed by engaging in a sexual relationship with a male student during her employment as a teacher with the District and her guilty plea on October 20, 2016, to three counts of Sexual Battery with a Student.

The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE supports its decision that just cause exists to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender and to permanently revoke educator certificate 260690 issued in the name of Alexandra D. McClure. The permanent revocation of Ms. McClure's educator certificate 260690 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

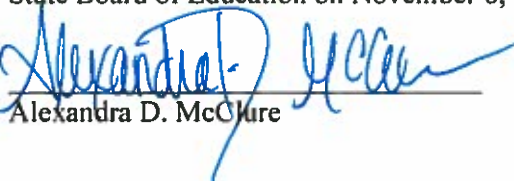
South Carolina State Board of Education

By: 

Michael R. Brennan, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
November 8, 2016

I, Alexandra D. McClure, S.C. Educator Certificate 260690, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of education certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Agreement are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily permanently surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. 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, band 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, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on November 8, 2016.


Alexandra D. McClure

10/19/2016
Date