

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension of)
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the Educator Certificate of)
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JuliAnn Pavlovic (Hanna))
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Certificate 234268)
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**ORDER OF
SUSPENSION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 11, 2017. On February 23, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent JuliAnn Pavlovic (Hanna) a notice of her right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate 234268 by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail. Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) received the notice, as evidenced by the signed postal receipt. Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) has not responded to the notice and is now in default. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Pavlovic's (Hanna) educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on April 11, 2017, and ending on April 10, 2018.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) holds a professional educator certificate and has over 13 years of teaching experience. She began employment with the Charleston County School District (District) in 2012. The District employed Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) as a special education teacher at St. John's High School (School) during the 2015-2016 school year.

Between October 15, 2015, and April 6, 2016, the District recorded 17 different instances of Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) failing to be in compliance with student individual education plan (IEP) requirements mandated by state and federal law. This failure was found despite a past reprimand from the District attempting to correct Ms. Pavlovic's (Hanna) behavior and the District's efforts to support Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) with an improvement plan. Ms. Pavlovic's (Hanna) failure to complete the work in a timely

manner in compliance with state and federal law demonstrates her failure to carry out her professional obligations with the District.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Pavlovic's (Hanna) educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on April 11, 2017, and ending on April 10, 2018.

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 (2016); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct, dishonesty, and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) engaged in unprofessional conduct and evident unfitness for the position for which she was employed by failing to comply with state and federal law and allowing several student IEPs to lapse. The State Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of JuliAnn Pavlovic (Hanna) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, for a period of one year commencing on April 11, 2017, and ending on April 10, 2018.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of JuliAnn Pavlovic (Hanna), certificate 234268, is suspended for a period of one year commencing on April 11, 2017, and ending on April 10, 2018. If Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, she shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time she requests reinstatement. Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) must also submit proof she has undergone all federal and state required training related to serving students with disabilities before her reinstatement. Ms. Pavlovic (Hanna) will be responsible for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Ms. Pavlovic's (Hanna) educator certificate 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:


Ivan Randolph, Ph.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
April 11, 2017