

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the	)	
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Educator Certificate of	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
	)	SUSPENSION
Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace	)	
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<u>Educator Certificate 265141</u>	)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 14, 2017. On August 9, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace concerning the pending action against her educator certificate 265141. After Ms. Wallace received the notice, she contacted the SCDE to request an alternate resolution. Ms. Wallace has agreed to enter into this Consent Order of Suspension of her educator certificate 265141 for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Wallace's educator certificate for a period of one year commencing on November 14, 2017, and ending on November 13, 2018.

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265141

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FINDINGS OF FACT

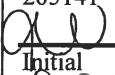
Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Ms. Wallace has three years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Wallace was employed by the Richland County School District One (District) as a teacher at Burton-Pack Elementary School (School).

Ms. Wallace resigned from her position after allegations arose that she had acted with inappropriate force against a student. Concerns were also raised by the District concerning Ms. Wallace's use of social media and her failure to comply with District requests while on administrative leave. The District accepted Ms. Wallace's resignation, effective at the end of her 2016-2017 contract. On May 23, 2017, the District reported Ms. Wallace's resignation to the SCDE.

Ms. Wallace has informed the SCDE that she is no longer teaching. She has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and to resolve this disciplinary matter by entering into an alternate resolution to the action against her educator certificate. Ms. Wallace agreed that her educator's certificate will be suspended for a period of one year. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension 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. 2016); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. Wallace engaged in unprofessional conduct by using inappropriate force against a student and failing to comply with District instructions. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Ms. Wallace's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on November 14, 2017, and ending on November 13, 2018.

Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace 265141

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Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace, certificate 265141, is suspended for a period of one year commencing on November 14, 2017, and ending on November 13, 2018.

If Ms. Wallace 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. Wallace shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time she requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Ms. Wallace's educator certificate shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

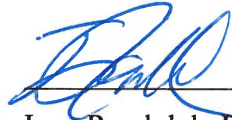
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

(Signature page attached)

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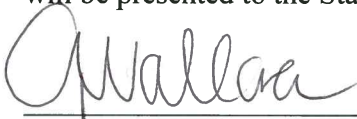
By:


Ivan Randolph, Ph.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
November 14, 2017

* This is not an admission of guilt to any accusations.
I am not employed in the field any longer and I am
OK with not having an active license for this period of time. *ju*

I, Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace, SC Educator Certificate 265141, 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 agree that during the period of suspension, I will not serve as a volunteer in any type of educator role 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 understand the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on November 14, 2017.


Joanna Rebecca Faith Wallace

9/28/17
Date