

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Jeanne Voltz-Loomis
Certificate 182266

ORDER OF REVOCATION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 13, 2020. On June 19, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Ms. Voltz-Loomis a notice via regular and certified mail of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate. On September 16, 2020, the SCDE received communication that Ms. Voltz-Loomis did not wish to request a hearing, and acknowledged that this matter would be presented to the State Board as a default matter.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Ms. Voltz-Loomis's educator certificate 182266, effective October 13, 2020.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Jeanne Voltz-Loomis holds an expired South Carolina professional educator certificate, has no recorded educational employment history in the State, and has no prior disciplinary actions.

On April 15, 2018, the SCDE learned that Ms. Voltz-Loomis' had been arrested on multiple charges of tax evasion. Ms. Voltz-Loomis' charges stemmed from allegations she failed to pay more than \$34,000 in state income tax and that, in her capacity as Director of the Child Development Ministry for First United Methodist Church, she diverted funds for her personal use. During the course of the investigation, the SCDE received court documentation confirming that Ms. Voltz-Loomis pled guilty on December 3, 2019, to one count of felony breach of trust and one count of evasion of a tax or property assessment or payment charge.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to revoke Ms. Voltz-Loomis' educator certificate 182266, effective October 13, 2020.

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, crime against the law of this State or the United States, evident unfitness for position for which employed, and sale or possession of narcotics.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2016). Accordingly, the evidence presented supports the State Board’s determination that just cause exists to revoke the educator certificate of Jeanne Voltz-Loomis, Educator Certificate 182266, effective October 13, 2020.

Ms. Voltz-Loomis has the right to apply for certification after three years. Ms. Voltz-Loomis shall, pursuant to State Board Rule BBCDB, be subject to a character and fitness review before the State Board with: employment information during the period of certificate surrender; community service records; letters of support from a current or prospective school district employer, if applicable; letters of support from community leaders; and SLED and FBI background checks. Ms. Voltz-Loomis shall also pay all applicable fees for certification, if any. The revocation of Ms. Voltz-Loomis’ 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: s/Michael Brennan

Michael Brennan, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
October 13, 2020