

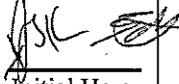
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Voluntary)
Surrender of the Educator)
Certificate of Edward A. Hubbard)
Certificate 200453)
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**CONSENT ORDER OF
PERMANENT VOLUNTARY
SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 10, 2015. On November 10, 2009, the Chair of the State Board summarily suspended the educator certificate of Edward A. Hubbard, certificate 200453, as a result of his arrest on November 6, 2009, on criminal charges. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Mr. Hubbard on December 1, 2009. On December 3, 2009, Mr. Hubbard received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing his signature. On December 4, 2009, Mr. Hubbard's legal counsel informed the SCDE that Mr. Hubbard was requesting a private hearing in this matter. Mr. Hubbard's legal counsel subsequently informed the SCDE that Mr. Hubbard desired to waive his right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his educator certificate 200453, effective June 10, 2015.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The State Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004) and S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004).

Mr. Hubbard holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over ten years of teaching experience. He has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. Hubbard had been employed by the Sumter County School District Two (District) at Lakewood High School (School) for the 2008-2009 school year. On November 4, 2009, Mr. Hubbard resigned from his position with the District following allegations that Mr. Hubbard was having a sexual relationship with a fifteen year old female student at his residence between October 2008 and June 2009. It was also alleged that he disseminated obscene material to the minor and provided her with alcohol.

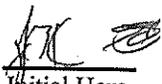
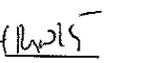
On November 6, 2009, Mr. Hubbard was arrested and charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, second degree, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-655(B) (2003), and Disseminating Obscene Material to a Person under eighteen, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 16-15-345 (2003).

On November 10, 2009, in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c) (2004), § 59-5-10 (2004), and State Board Rule of Governance BBABA, the SCDE requested that the Chair of the State Board summarily suspend the educator certificate of Edward A. Hubbard, certificate 200453, as a result of his arrest on November 6, 2009, on criminal charges. The SCDE sent notice to Mr. Hubbard on December 1, 2009. On December 3, 2009, Mr. Hubbard received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing his signature. On December 4, 2009, Mr. Hubbard's legal counsel informed the SCDE that Mr. Hubbard was requesting a private hearing in this matter. Mr. Hubbard's legal counsel subsequently informed the SCDE that Mr. Hubbard desired to waive his right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his educator certificate 200453, effective June 10, 2015.

Mr. Hubbard agrees to the permanent surrender of his South Carolina educator certificate 200453 subject to the following conditions: (1) his 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) he has waived his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) he understands that the permanent surrender of his educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation.

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, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude and evident unfitness for position for which employed." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 2 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (2011). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Mr. Hubbard engaged in

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unprofessional conduct, immorality, conduct involving moral turpitude and demonstrated evident unfitness for position for which employed as a result of his inappropriate relationship of a sexual nature with a female student.

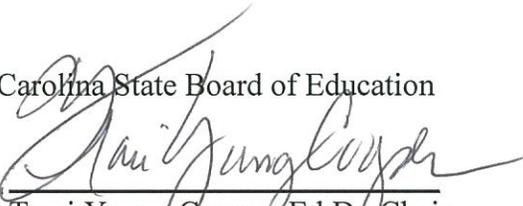
The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of educator certificate 200453, issued under the name of Edward A. Hubbard, and to permanently revoke and render permanently invalid Mr. Hubbard's educator certificate effective June 10, 2015.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Edward A. Hubbard, certificate 200453, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of the educator certificate of Edward A. Hubbard, certificate 200453 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.

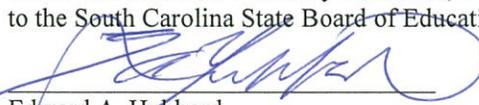
South Carolina State Board of Education

By:


Traci Young Cooper, Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
June 10, 2015

I, Edward A. Hubbard, S.C. Educator Certificate 200453, 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 of Permanent Voluntary Surrender 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 or orchestra 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 it will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on June 10, 2015.


Edward A. Hubbard

6/10/15
Date

