

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)
)
or Revocation of the Educator)
)
Certificate of Jolie S. Palmer)
)
Certificate 182650)

CONSENT ORDER OF
SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

This matter comes before the South Carolina State Board of Education (hereinafter "State Board") on January 21, 2015. On August 2, 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education (hereinafter "SCDE") sent a notice letter of the possible suspension or revocation of South Carolina educator certificate 182650 to Jolie S. Palmer by certified mail, return receipt requested, based on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Ms. Palmer received the notice letter and requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to waive the hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Suspension for a period of one year beginning January 21, 2015 and ending January 20, 2016. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension and suspend the license of Ms. Palmer for a period of one year from the date of this Order.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Jolie S. Palmer was employed as a teacher at Springfield Elementary School (hereinafter "School") in Fort Mill School District (hereinafter "District") during the 2012-2013 school year. Teachers in the School expressed concerns regarding Ms. Palmer's conduct, alleging that her interactions with students and other employees were often harsh or intimidating. Ms. Palmer resigned from her position with the District at

the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Following Ms. Palmer's resignation, she sought counseling regarding the issues affecting her interpersonal interactions.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept this Consent Order of Suspension, effective on January 21, 2015.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board, upon careful review of the evidence presented, makes the following conclusions of law in this matter:

- (1) The State Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), which provides "The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person."
- (2) Just cause is statutorily defined to include "Unprofessional conduct." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160(4) (2004).
- (3) The evidence demonstrates that Ms. Palmer committed unprofessional conduct through her harsh or intimidating interactions with students and co-workers.
- (4) The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept the suspension of the educator certificate of Jolie S. Palmer, certificate 182650, for a period of one year beginning January 21, 2015 and ending January 20, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that the State Board accepts the Consent Order and the educator certificate of Jolie S. Palmer, certificate 182650, is hereby suspended for a period of one year, beginning January 21, 2015 and ending January 20, 2016. This action on certificate 182650 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the reasons stated as "unprofessional conduct." Should Ms. Palmer wish to have her educator

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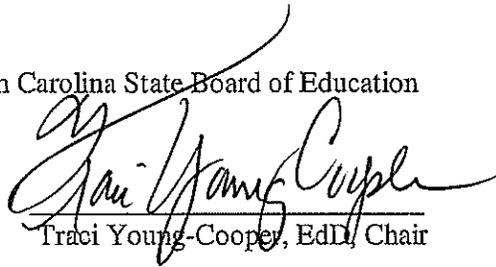
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certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, she must meet all certification requirements and shall submit a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Ms. Palmer shall be responsible for the payment of all applicable fees, including any reinstatement fees.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By:



Traci Young-Cooper, EdD, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
January 21, 2015

I, Jolie S. Palmer, S.C. Educator Certificate 182650, hereby waive my right to a hearing in this matter. With the assistance of legal counsel, I have read and understood the terms set forth in this Consent Order. I agree that the findings of facts and conclusions of law contained in this Consent Order are true. I understand that the terms of this Consent Order, upon execution, are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I hereby freely, knowingly and of my own accord, agree to the suspension of my educator certificate by the South Carolina State Board of Education. I understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board on January 21, 2015.



Jolie S. Palmer

12.8.2014

Date