

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Voluntary)
Surrender of the Educator)
Certificate of Rebecca Ruth Carr)
Certificate 262234)
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**CONSENT ORDER OF
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on December 10, 2014. On October 22, 2014, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Ms. Rebecca Ruth Carr notice of her right to a hearing regarding the possible disciplinary action of her South Carolina educator certificate, by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Ms. Carr received the notice and contacted the the SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution of this matter. Ms. Carr has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter into this Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 262234, effective December 10, 2014.

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)

Ms. Carr holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has one year of teaching experience in South Carolina. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. During the 2013-2014 school year, the Darlington County School District One (District) employed Ms. Carr as a teacher at Rosenwald Elementary School (School). On March 24, 2014, the District placed Ms. Carr on administrative leave following allegations that Ms. Carr had used inappropriate language in class and failed to follow District disciplinary policy. On April 7, 2014, Ms. Carr resigned from her position with the District.

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SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution of this matter. Ms. Carr informed the SCDE that she desired to waive her right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 262234, effective December 10, 2014.

Ms. Carr denies the allegations against her, but has decided that she no longer desires to be an educator and does not wish to enter into a Consent Order of Suspension for one year. Ms. Carr agrees to the surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 262234 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become invalid immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender; (2) she has waived her right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) she understands that the surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a voluntary surrender.

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. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 2 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (Supp. 2011). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the SCDE demonstrates that Ms. Carr engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of her use of inappropriate language and failure to follow District disciplinary policy.

The evidence presented supports the State Board’s decision to accept the voluntary surrender of her educator certificate 262234, issued under the name of Rebecca Ruth Carr, and render invalid Ms. Carr’s educator certificate effective December 10, 2014.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Rebecca Ruth Carr, certificate 262234, is hereby declared invalid and revoked. The voluntary surrender of the educator certificate of Rebecca Ruth Carr, certificate 262234 shall be reported to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

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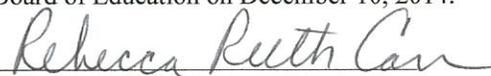
AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: 
Barry F. Bolen, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
December 10, 2014

I, Rebecca Ruth Carr, S.C. Educator Certificate 262234, 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 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 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 to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on December 10, 2014.


Rebecca Ruth Carr

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