

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Educator)
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Certificate of Carolina Henrietta Lewis)
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Certificate 243046)

CONSENT ORDER

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on January 21, 2015. On May 5, 2014, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Ms. Carolina Henrietta Lewis that the State Board would meet to make a determination regarding disciplinary action of her South Carolina educator certificate based on the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004), for unprofessional conduct by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. On May 9, 2014, Ms. Lewis received the notice as evidence by a signed receipt. On May 12, 2014, Ms. Lewis' attorney contacted SCDE to inform SCDE that Ms. Lewis requested a hearing. Ms. Lewis' attorney informed the SCDE that Ms. Lewis no longer wished to maintain the Special Education Multi-Categorical academic area of her certificate and agreed to enter into this Consent Order, effective January 21, 2015. Ms. Lewis wishes to retain her certifications in Early Childhood; Elementary; English as a Second Language; and Middle Level Language Arts.

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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) S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004).

Ms. Lewis holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over nineteen years of teaching experience. She has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Ms. Lewis had been employed by the Spartanburg County School District 6 (District) since 2009 as a teacher of special needs students at the Child Development Center (School). Ms. Lewis voluntarily resigned from the District following an investigation into allegations regarding her interactions with students. Prior to the 2012-2013 school year, Ms. Lewis had never received any disciplinary action and had never involuntarily left a teaching position. Since April 25, 2013, Ms. Lewis has not been engaged in teaching.

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Ms. Lewis agrees as follows: (1) the Special Education Multi-Categorical academic area of her certificate will become invalid immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order; (2) she will complete a college level course in classroom management, subject to approval of the SCDE and shall provide SCDE with evidence of successful completion of this course; and (3) 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

For the reasons stated above, Ms. Lewis' offer to remove the Special Education Multi-Categorical academic area from her certificate is hereby accepted. As a

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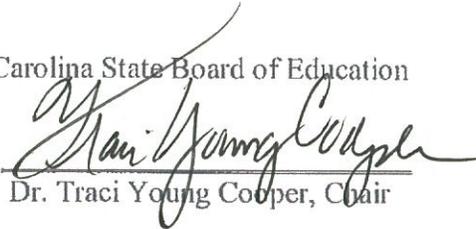
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consequence, Ms. Lewis will not be required to participate in any training to maintain the Special Education Multi-Categorical academic area of her educator certificate.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By:


Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
January 21, 2015

I, Carolina Henrietta Lewis, S.C. Educator Certificate 243046 agree to the proposed Consent Order, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on January 21, 2015.


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