BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension	)	
	)	
or Revocation of the Educator	)	**CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION**
	)	
Certificate of Dennis M. Hansen	)	
	)	
Certificate 247196	)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

This matter comes before the South Carolina State Board of Education (hereinafter "State Board") on August 14, 2013. On July 29, 2013 the South Carolina Department of Education (hereinafter "SCDE") sent a notice letter of the possible suspension or revocation of South Carolina educator certificate 247196 to Dennis M. Hansen by certified mail, return receipt requested, based on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Hansen received the notice letter as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Hansen agreed to waive his right to a hearing and entered into this Consent Order of Suspension. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Mr. Hansen's certificate, for a period of approximately seven months to coincide with the remainder of the eighteen month suspension set forth in the Consent Order of Suspension issued by the State of Illinois Department of Education, commencing on August 14, 2013, and ending on March 7, 2014.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Dennis M. Hansen has over 25 years of teaching experience. Mr. Hansen obtained a South Carolina certificate in 2009 through reciprocity with Illinois. The

Fairfield County School District (District) employed Mr. Hansen as a driver's education instructor at Fairfield Central High School.

On July 22, 2013, SCDE was notified that Mr. Hansen's teaching certificates in Illinois had been suspended, effective September 7, 2012, for a period of eighteen months.

Upon further investigation, SCDE discovered that Mr. Hansen had entered into a Consent Order of Suspension providing that his Illinois educator certificates would be suspended for a period of eighteen months beginning September 7, 2012. As of the date of this Consent Order, Mr. Hansen's Illinois educator certificates remain suspended until March 7, 2014.

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SCDE notified the District of its findings; thereafter, Mr. Hansen was placed on administrative leave, effective August 2, 2013.

On July 29, 2013, the SCDE sent a notice letter of the possible suspension or revocation of South Carolina educator certificate 247196 to Mr. Hansen by certified mail, return receipt requested. Mr. Hansen received the notice letter as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing his signature. Mr. Hansen waived his right to a hearing and entered into this Consent Order of Suspension.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept this Consent Order of Suspension of Mr. Hansen's certificate of approximately seven months to be served concurrently with the remainder of the eighteen month suspension set forth by the Illinois Department of Education in its Consent Order of Suspension, commencing on August 14, 2013, and ending on March 7, 2014.

Mr. Hansen agrees to the Consent Order of Suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate 247196 commencing on August 14, 2013, and ending on March 7, 2014. Mr. Hansen waives his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review.

The suspension of Mr. Hansen's educator certificate shall be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse within thirty days of this order with the reasons stated as suspension based upon action in another jurisdiction.

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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 includes actions taken against educator certifications in jurisdictions outside the State of South Carolina.

(3) The evidence presented, which is undisputed by Mr. Hansen, demonstrates that the Illinois order instituting an eighteen month suspension of Mr. Hansen's educator certifications is legally valid, binding, and currently in effect.

(4) The State Board takes judicial notice of the Illinois order and accepts the findings of the order as to content and with regard to the term of suspension.

(5) The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept this Consent Order and suspend certificate of Dennis M. Hansen, certificate 247196, for a period of

approximately seven months to be served concurrently with the remainder of the eighteen month suspension set forth by the Illinois Department of Education in its Consent Order of Suspension, commencing on August 14, 2013, and ending on March 7, 2014.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that the State Board accepts the Consent Order of Suspension and the educator certificate of Dennis M. Hansen, certificate 247196, is hereby suspended. This action on certificate 247196 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 suspension based upon action in another jurisdiction.

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When, at the conclusion of the suspension period, Mr. Hansen desires to have his certificate reinstated, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Mr. Hansen shall also meet all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and shall be responsible for the payment of all applicable reinstatement fees.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: David W. Blackmon
Dr. David W. Blackmon, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 14, 2013

I, Dennis M. Hansen, S.C. Educator Certificate 247196, 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 seven month suspension of my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board on August 14, 2013.

Dennis M. Hansen

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