BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension	)	
	)	
or Revocation of the Educator	)	**CONSENT ORDER OF**
	)	
Certificate of Christopher S. McCarrell	)	**PUBLIC REPRIMAND**
	)	
Certificate 218717	)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 12, 2015. On May 21, 2015, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent notice to Christopher S. McCarrell via regular and certified mail, regarding the possible disciplinary action of his educator certificate by the State Board. Mr. McCarrell received the notice as evidenced by the signed postal receipt bearing his signature. After receiving the notice, Mr. McCarrell informed the SCDE that he agreed to waive his right to a hearing and accept a public reprimand of his educator certificate. After considering the information presented by the SCDE, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

Accepted:
Christopher S. McCarrell
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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. McCarrell holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has seven years of teaching experience. He has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. McCarrell had been employed by Greenville County School District (District) since 2005 as a 6th grade social studies teacher at Northwood Middle School (School). On February 5, 2015, the District placed Mr. McCarrell on administrative leave following an incident in his class that demonstrated Mr. McCarrell's failure to exercise acceptable professional judgment when he used inappropriate consequences when addressing student behavior. Mr. McCarrell acknowledged that his conduct was unprofessional. He resigned from his employment with the District effective April 15, 2015.

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Mr. McCarrell acknowledges that he has engaged in unprofessional conduct. He waives his right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration,

collateral attack or judicial review. Mr. McCarrell consents to the public reprimand of his educator certificate, subject to the following terms: (1) a Public Reprimand shall be issued by the State Board, (2) the Public Reprimand shall be reported to all school districts in South Carolina, and (3) the Consent Order of Public Reprimand shall be posted on the SCDE's website and shall be maintained as a public record in the SCDE's Office of General Counsel. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand with the terms set forth above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (Rev. 2004); The State Board may, for just cause, issue a public reprimand. 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2011). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-2-160 (Rev. 2004). The State Board finds that the evidence presented, which is undisputed by Mr. McCarrell, demonstrates that Mr. McCarrell engaged in unprofessional conduct, as a result of his poor judgment in addressing student behavior, and that just cause exists to publicly reprimand Mr. McCarrell. The evidence presented supports the State Board's decision to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Public Reprimand is accepted and a public reprimand is issued to Christopher S. McCarrell, certificate 218717. The public reprimand of Mr. McCarrell, certificate 218717 shall be reported to 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

Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

August 12, 2015

I, Christopher S. McCarrell, S.C. Educator Certificate 218717, have read the Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the South Carolina State Board of Education on August 12, 2015.

Signature

7/20/15
Date