

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension	)	
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or Revocation of the Educator	)	CONSENT ORDER OF
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Certificate of David Jay Doughty	)	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
	)	
<u>Certificate 271691</u>	)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

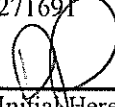
The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 10, 2015. On May 6, 2015, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) contacted David Jay Doughty regarding the possible disciplinary action of his educator certificate. Mr. Doughty informed the SCDE that he 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Doughty holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and is in his first year of teaching. He has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. Doughty was employed by Darlington County School District (District) as a 6th grade math teacher at Darlington Middle School (School). In early March 2015, an incident occurred that demonstrated Mr. Doughty's failure to exercise acceptable professional judgment regarding a student's attire and his use of personal social media. On March 5, 2015, Mr. Doughty was placed on administrative until his resignation on March 11, 2015. Mr. Doughty acknowledged that his conduct was unprofessional.

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Mr. Doughty 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. Doughty 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

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evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand with the terms set forth above.

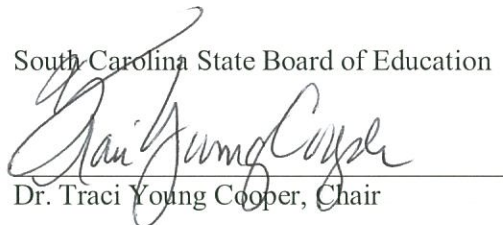
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“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. Doughty, demonstrates that Mr. Doughty engaged in unprofessional conduct, as a result of poor judgment regarding a student’s attire and his use of personal social media, and that just cause exists to publicly reprimand Mr. Doughty. 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 issued to David Jay Doughty, certificate 271691. The public reprimand of Mr. Doughty, certificate 271691 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

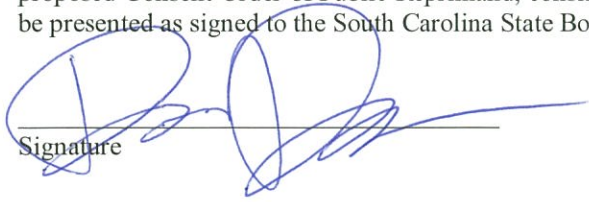


Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

June 10, 2015

I, David Jay Doughty, S.C. Educator Certificate 271691, 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 June 10, 2015.



Signature

5-9-15
Date