

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the)
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Disciplinary Action of the)
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Educator Certificate of)
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Kevin P. Heise,)
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Certificate 177713)

CONSENT ORDER OF

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 12, 2018. On April 26, 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Kevin P. Heise, a notice letter by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail, regarding possible disciplinary action against his educator certificate and his right to a hearing. After receiving the notice letter, Mr. Heise contacted the SCDE through his attorney and advised the SCDE that he desired to waive his right to a hearing and pursue an alternative resolution in this matter. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Public Reprimand.

Kevin P.
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FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Heise holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over twenty-one years of teaching experience. He has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. Heise was employed by Lexington County School District Two (District) as a teacher and soccer coach at Brookland-Cayce High School (School). Mr. Heise resigned from the District, effective April 20, 2017.

On February 9, 2017, Mr. Heise gave a “life lessons” talk to his students during class. Mr. Heise made inappropriate and unprofessional comments regarding students and a District staff member. A student recorded Mr. Heise and provided the District with the recording. The District subsequently placed Mr. Heise administrative leave after the student’s recording of Mr. Heise’s talk was brought to the attention of the District. After

Mr. Heise resigned from the District, the District reported Mr. Heise's unprofessional conduct to the SCDE.

Mr. Heise has agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to resolve this disciplinary matter by entering into this Consent Order of Public Reprimand, subject to the following terms: (1) a Public Reprimand shall be issued by the State Board, (2) the Public Reprimand shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order, (3) Mr. Heise agrees to complete the NASDTEC Prevention and Correction Course as well as SCDE approved anger management counseling, and (4) 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.

Kevin P.
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177713



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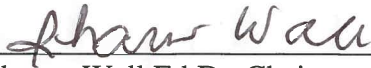
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"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 (2017); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2017); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2017). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the District would not support a conclusion that just cause exists to suspend or revoke the educator certificate of Kevin P. Heise; however, the evidence that would be presented would support a conclusion that Mr. Heise engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of his inappropriate and unprofessional comments in the presence of his students. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the issuance of a Public Reprimand to Mr. Heise by the State Board.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the State Board hereby issues a Public Reprimand to Kevin P. Heise, certificate 177713. The Public Reprimand shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct." This Consent Order of Public Reprimand shall be posted on the SCDE's web site and shall be maintained as a public record in the SCDE's Office of General Counsel.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education


Sharon Wall Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
June 12, 2018

I, Kevin P. Heise, S.C. Educator Certificate 177713, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of educator 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 Order of Public Reprimand are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I have read the Consent Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of three pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein. I understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the South Carolina State Board of Education on understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. I understand this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the State Board and, if not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the State Board to adjudicate this matter.


Kevin P. Heise

5/29/18
Date

