

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the  
Disciplinary Action of the  
Educator Certificate of  
Brooke Ashleigh Shull  
Certificate 285620

CONSENT ORDER OF PERMANENT  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 10, 2020. On November 1, 2019, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) received notice that Brooke Ashleigh Shull, an employee in Spartanburg School District One (District), had resigned. Ms. Shull's resignation was reported due to concerns with behaviors exhibited towards students. On or about November 26, 2019, Ms. Shull was arrested on four misdemeanor counts of cruelty to children. The SCDE was then contacted by the Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office and asked to present this agreement for Ms. Shull's consideration. After considering the evidence provided, the State Board has agreed to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender for Brooke Ashleigh Shull, certificate 285620, effective March 10, 2020.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Shull holds a professional South Carolina educator certificate and has over two years of educator experience. Ms. Shull was employed by Spartanburg County School District One as a self-contained teacher at Inman Intermediate School (School). She resigned from the District on October 31, 2019.

On October 28, 2019, Ms. Shull was placed on administrative leave after concerns were brought to the attention of School administration. School administration reported Ms. Shull's alleged misconduct to the Student Resource Officer (SRO) from the Inman Police Department. At the time of the reported misconduct, the complainant noted approximately a week's worth of observed behaviors in Ms. Shull's classroom. During that time, it was alleged that Ms. Shull slapped a student in the face with an index card, pulled

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a student's hair, berated students, and twice demonstrated improper restraint of a student.

By signing this order, Ms. Shull has informed the SCDE that she no longer wishes to serve as an educator in South Carolina and that she desires to permanently surrender her South Carolina educator certificate. She agrees to the permanent surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 285620 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become permanently invalid and permanently revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (2) 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; and (3) she understands that the permanent surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation.

#### 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); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and crime against the law of this state or the United States. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Ms. Shull, a South Carolina educator, reported for allegations of inappropriate conduct and crimes against the laws of this State, has committed acts of unprofessional conduct and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Ms. Shull's South Carolina educator certification.

Ms. Shull does not oppose and accepts the State Board's decision to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 285620, issued under the name of Brooke Ashleigh Shull, and accepts the permanent revocation

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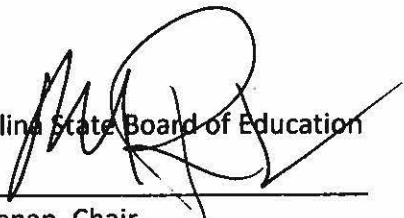
  
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and permanent invalidation of her educator certificate, effective March 10, 2020.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Brooke Ashleigh Shull, certificate 285620, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation of the educator certificate of Brooke Ashleigh Shull, certificate 285620, shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and 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  
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Michael Brennan, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
March 10, 2020

I, Brooke Ashleigh Shull, SC Educator Certificate 285620, 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 the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review. I agree that I will not serve or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I understand the term "public school" includes any public charter school. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on March 10, 2020. I understand this 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. If approved by the State Board, I give the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "s/name" for required website publication.

  
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Brooke Ashleigh Shull

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RE: Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender – Brooke Ashleigh Shull

Dear Henry:

Enclosed please find the original Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender signed by Brooke Ashleigh Shull that I received from her attorney Doug Brannon.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Jordan  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Doug Brannon (via email only)  
Cindy Crick (via email only)

