

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Joshua P. Radecke
Certificate 208215

CONSENT ORDER OF PERMANENT
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 10, 2021. On December 4, 2018, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) summarily suspended educator certificate 208215 and sent notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Joshua P. Radecke concerning further pending action against the certificate. Mr. Radecke's educator certificate was summarily suspended due to his arrest on the felony count of sexual battery with a student, S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-755(D) (2017). The SCDE received notification that Mr. Radecke agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his educator certificate 208215 as part of the criminal proceedings. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of Joshua P. Radecke's educator certificate 208215, effective August 10, 2021.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Radecke holds a suspended South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over fifteen years of educator experience. At the time of his arrest, Mr. Radecke was employed by the Charleston County School District (District) and served as an honors chorus instructor at R.B. Stall High School (School).

On or about November 29, 2018, the North Charleston Police Department charged Mr. Radecke with a felony count of sexual battery with a student. In the description of the offense, it was alleged that Mr. Radecke had a sexual relationship with an 18-year-old student at the School and that the inappropriate relationship began in January of 2018. The student further alleged that inappropriate conduct occurred on School grounds.

Joshua P. Radecke
208215
s/ JR
Initial
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On November 5, 2019, Mr. Radecke pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of sexual battery with a student, S.C. Code Ann. §16-3-755(C) (2017). As part of the plea agreement, Mr. Radecke agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his educator certification.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Joshua P. Radecke, educator certificate 208215, effective August 10, 2021.

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. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Mr. Radecke, South Carolina educator, reported for allegations of inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature with a student, has committed acts of unprofessional conduct and crimes against the laws of the State and that just cause exists to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Mr. Radecke’s South Carolina educator certificate.

Mr. Radecke does not oppose and accepts the State Board’s decision to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of his educator certificate 208215, issued under the name of Joshua P. Radecke, and accepts the permanent revocation and permanent invalidation of his educator certificate, effective August 10, 2021.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Joshua P. Radecke, certificate 208215, 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.

(Signature page attached)

Joshua P. Radecke
208215
s/ JR
Initial
7/12/21
Date

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/ Kristi Woodall
Kristi Woodall, Ed.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 10, 2021

I, Joshua P. Radecke, SC Educator Certificate 208215, 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 to the terms of this Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Suspension, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board for approval on August 10, 2021. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina. 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 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.

s/ Joshua P. Radecke
Joshua P. Radecke

7/12/21
Date