

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Parker Bostwick
Certificate 307575

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 9, 2024. On February 2, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Parker Bostwick a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Bostwick received the notice on February 13, 2024, as evidenced by a signed postal receipt. After receiving the notice, Mr. Bostwick contacted the SCDE but did not request a hearing. He has consented to a default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Bostwick's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on April 9, 2024, and ending on April 8, 2025. He must also submit a release from a physician to return to teaching duties.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Bostwick holds a South Carolina educator certificate and has over fourteen years of educator experience. At the time of the incident, Mr. Bostwick was employed with the Bullitt County School District in Kentucky.

On January 2, 2024, the SCDE received the report of Mr. Bostwick's voluntary surrender of his Kentucky teaching certificate through the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Clearinghouse. The consent order was approved by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board on October 9, 2023. According to the order, Mr. Bostwick exhibited unprofessional conduct and was not released by a physician to return to his teaching duties. The order further notes that while he maintains his innocence with respect to the allegations, he acknowledges that if the evidence were presented at a hearing, it could result in a finding that he violated the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Suspension of Mr. Bostwick's educator certificate 307575 for a period of one year, commencing on April 9, 2024, and ending on April 8, 2025. He must also submit a release from a physician to return to teaching duties.

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 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Parker Bostwick engaged in unprofessional conduct. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Parker Bostwick's educator certificate 307575 for a period of one year, commencing on April 9, 2024, and ending on April 8, 2025. He must also submit a release from a physician to return to teaching duties.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Mr. Bostwick educator certificate 307575, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on April 9, 2024, and ending on April 8, 2025. He must also submit a release from a physician to return to teaching duties. If Mr. Bostwick wishes to have the certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Mr. Bostwick shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. He must also submit a release from a physician to return to teaching duties. The suspension of Mr. Bostwick's educator certificate shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days of the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/David C. O'Shields
David C. O'Shields, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
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