

THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
ROBERT LEE ROGERS, III
DECEMBER 12, 2019

PLSB CASE NO. 18-106

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

At its regular meeting on December 12, 2019, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (Ethics Subcommittee) for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Robert Lee Rogers (Educator Rogers). Based upon Educator Rogers' acceptance of the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

I. Findings of Fact

- a. The Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Rogers a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2014, valid until December 31, 2018.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Rogers violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § § 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. On March 2, 2018, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into allegations that Educator Rogers violated Standard 1: an educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside of the classroom; and Standard 2: an educator maintains competence regarding his or her professional

practice, inclusive of skills, knowledge, dispositions, and responsibilities relating to his or her organizational position.

- d. Educator Rogers was notified on March 5, 2018, of the Ethics Subcommittee's authorization to investigate this allegation.
- e. After considering the investigator's report and evidence on October 5, 2018, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found that a preponderance of evidence existed to substantiate violations of Standards 1 and 2 in that Educator Rogers:
 - Pursued an inappropriate relationship with a student (of a sexual nature).
- f. The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the State Board take the following actions:
 1. Permanent Revocation of License;
 2. Assess a \$500 fine (due within 90 days of State Board Order)
- g. On October 8, 2018, Educator Rogers, was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified mail. Educator Rogers initial rejected the recommendation and requested an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the evidentiary hearing, Educator Rogers, through his attorney, voluntarily consented to the revocation of his license on October 10, 2019. (Exhibit A) thereby waiving his right to any further notice, hearing, or any other rights he may have under the Administrative Procedure Act, including those rights set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 25-15-212.
- h. At today's meeting, the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and supporting documentation were presented to the Board as part of its consent agenda.

II. Conclusions of Law

- a. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, 6-17-428 and 25-15-201 et seq., and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, the Board adopts the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendations, and enacts the sanctions accordingly. The Board admonishes Educator Robert Lee Rogers, III for his violation of the Code of Ethics.
- b. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Rogers' professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Diane Zook, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ROBERT ROGERS III

CONSENT TO THE PERMANENT REVOCATION
OF MY ARKANSAS EDUCATOR'S LICENSE

1. I, Robert Rogers III, voluntarily surrender my Arkansas educator's license and any right to apply for renewal.
2. I understand that an educator's license means a teaching license and/or administrator's license.
3. I acknowledge and understand that I cannot apply for an educator's license in Arkansas at any time in the future.
4. I shall not apply for an educator's license at any time in the future.
5. I acknowledge and understand that an educator's license shall not be issued to me at any time in the future.
6. I acknowledge and understand that the State Board of Education's acceptance of the surrender of my educator's license will result in its PERMANENT REVOCATION because Arkansas law has no provision for the mere surrender of an educator's license.
7. I acknowledge and understand that the Department of Education reports revocation of an educator's license to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse, which is a national database consulted by other states' licensure units.
8. I waive all rights I may have to any further notice, hearing, or appeal under the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq.
9. I am I am not represented by legal counsel in this matter.

Date: 10/09/2019


Robert Rogers III

VERIFICATION

State of Arkansas
County of Crawford

On this the 9th day of October, 2019, before me, the undersigned notary, personally






Exhibit A

appeared Robert Rogers known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Dustin Booth
Notary Public

1-1-2023
My Commission Expires

