

THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**IN RE THE MATTER OF:
MELINDA P. LILES
AUGUST 9, 2018**

**LICENSURE ACTION
CASE NO.: LA-18-007**

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

At its regular meeting on August 9, 2018, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) heard the request to revoke the teaching license of Melinda P. Liles pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c). Based upon the evidence presented, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

I. Findings of Fact

- a. The Department received information from public records that on August 22, 2017, Melinda P. Liles (Educator Liles), pled guilty to Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, A.C.A. § 5-27-206, Class A Misdemeanor, which is a disqualifying offense for teacher licensing under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c).
- b. Educator Liles was notified that she was found guilty of a disqualifying offense, and had thirty (30) days to request a waiver hearing on the revocation of her license.
- c. Educator Liles requested a hearing regarding the revocation of her license on March 14, 2018.
- d. Educator Liles withdrew her request for a hearing on June 21, 2018 and June 22, 2018.
- e. Educator Liles consented to the permanent revocation of her Arkansas educator's license on June 27, 2017. See attached Exhibit A.

- f. The Board considered:
 - i. The educator's age at the time of the offense;
 - ii. The circumstances surrounding the offense;
 - iii. The length of time since the offense;
 - iv. The educator's subsequent work history;
 - v. The educator's employment and character references; and
 - vi. Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of school children or school personnel.
- g. A motion was made to revoke Educator Liles's teaching license. The motion carried.

II. Conclusions of Law

- a. The State Board of Education may consider a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry or certain enumerated offenses as a disqualification for licensing. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(c), 6-17-410(d) (A) (5) and 6-17-411. This includes offenses which have been expunged, sealed, and pardoned by the governor.
- b. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-410 and 25-15-201 et seq., the Arkansas State Board of Education grants the Department's recommendation to revoke Educator Liles's teaching license.
- c. Melinda P. Liles's Arkansas teaching license is hereby permanently revoked.
- d. This Order shall become a permanent entry in the licensure file of the educator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Dr. Jay Barth, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education


BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MELINDA P. LILES

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

1. I, Melinda P. Liles, 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: June 27, 2018


Melinda P. Liles

VERIFICATION

Exhibit A

State of Arkansas
County of Washington

On this the 27 day of June, 2018, before me, the undersigned notary, personally

appeared Melinda Liles 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.

Colton W. Bramall
Notary Public

08-18-2027
My Commission Expires

