## THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN RE THE MATTER OF: JASON WAYNE BOLICK JUNE 14, 2018

LICENSURE ACTION 18-008

## FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

At its regular meeting on June 14, 2018, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) heard the request to revoke the teaching license of Jason Wayne Bolick pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c). Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, 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 that on June 21, 2017, Jason Wayne Bolick (Educator Bolick), was found guilty of Possession of a Schedule VI Controlled Substance with the Purpose to Deliver, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, which are disqualifying offenses for teacher licensing under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c).
- b. Educator Bolick was notified that he was found guilty of the disqualifying offenses, and had thirty (30) days to request a waiver hearing on the revocation of his license.
- c. Educator Bolick requested a hearing regarding the revocation of his license.
- d. The Department recommended that the Board deny Educator Bolick's request for a waiver of the disqualifying offenses.
- e. 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;
- vi. Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of school children or school personnel; and
- vii. Other relevant evidence.
- f. A motion was made to grant Educator Bolick's request for a waiver with his license suspended for the duration of his court ordered probation, with a letter from his probation officer that he has completed his probation, as well as a complete background check at the time of reinstatement. 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.
- 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 Educator's request for a waiver.
- c. Educator' Bolick's teaching license is suspended for the duration of his probation, including a letter from his probation officer stating that Educator Bolick has

completed his probation, as well as a complete a background check at the time of his reinstatement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dr. Jay Barth, Chair

Arkansas State Board of Education