

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 11, 2017**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER
IN RE ALICIA EVERHART, PLSB CASE NO. 17-080**

At its meeting on May 11, 2017, 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 Alicia Everhart (“Educator Everhart”). Based upon 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:

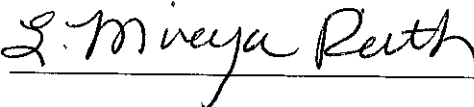
- a. The Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Everhart a provisional non-renewable teaching license on July 1, 2016, valid until June 30, 2017.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Everhart violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators (“Code of Ethics”) promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. On October 7, 2016, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into allegations that Educator Everhart violated Standard 3: An educator honestly fulfills reporting obligations associated with professional practices.
- d. On October 12, 2016, Educator Everhart was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee’s authorization to investigate the allegations.

- e. On March 3, 2017, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Everhart violated Standard 3 of the Code of Ethics when she:
 - Claimed that her speech pathology certification was valid when it was fraudulent.
- f. The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board permanently revoke the teaching license of Educator Everhart.
- f. On March 9, 2017, Educator Everhart was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.
- g. Educator Everhart did not respond to the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation, thereby waiving her right to any further notice, hearing, or any other rights she might 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 and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, 6-17-428, and 25-15-201 et seq., and the Code of Ethics, the Board adopts the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation.
- b. Accordingly, the Board permanently revokes the license of Educator Everhart for her violations of the Code of Ethics.
- c. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Everhart's professional licensure file and in the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mireya Reith, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education