

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 8, 2016

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
IN RE JERRI LYN HIGH, PLSB CASE NO. 14-120

At its meeting today, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the recommendation of the Department of Education for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Jerri Lyn High. In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

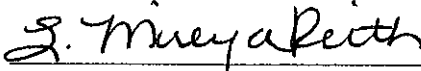
- I. Findings of Fact:
 - a. Jerri Lyn High holds a standard five-year teaching license.
 - b. On October 9, 2014, the State Board of Education ordered the probation of Jerri Lyn High's license for three (3) years, the payment of a \$75 fine to the Professional Licensure Standards Board, and training, coursework, or rehab treatment, with monitored progress before renewal of her license. The Board further ordered that Ms. High provide a letter from a licensed counselor stating that the educator is suitable to return to the classroom.
 - c. Although notified that she had not provided the letter from a licensed counselor, Ms. High has not produced the letter.
 - d. The PLSB made repeated attempts to notify Ms. High that failure to provide the letter from a licensed counselor could result in further action from the State Board and advising her of her right to a hearing via certified and regular mail at the last known address provided to the Department of Education. However, she did not respond or appear.

- e. The Department recommends that the State Board suspend Ms. High's license until she complies with the State Board's order of October 9, 2014.

II. Conclusions of Law:

- a. The State Board has legal authority over the licenses it issues under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, and 25-15-201 et seq. Specifically, the Board, upon imposition of a sanction, may order a license suspended until person has complied in full with all applicable sanctions imposed. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-217(d).
- b. Accordingly, effective on December 8, 2016, the Board suspends Jerri Lyn High's license until such time as she has complied with the Board's orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mireya Reith, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education