

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**July 14, 2016**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**  
**IN RE BRETT LOUIS DIFANI, PLSB CASE NO. 14-026**

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) considered the matter of Brett Louis Difani (“Educator Difani”) concerning the alleged violation of the Board’s March 20, 2014 order. Based upon the 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:**

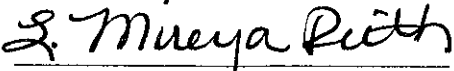
- a. On March 20, 2014, the Board entered an order finding that Educator Difani violated Standard 1 of the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators.
- b. In its March 20, 2014 order, the Board placed Educator Difani’s license on probation for three (3) years, assessed a seventy-five (\$75.00) fine, and cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics could result in more severe discipline, including the permanent revocation of Educator Difani’s license.
- c. At today’s meeting, the Board found that Educator Difani violated the terms of his probation by continuing the conduct sanctioned in its March 20, 2014 order.
- d. Further, the Board voted to extend Educator Difani’s current probation to July 14, 2019 and assess a seventy-five (\$75.00) fine.

**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 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, the Board orders Educator Difani’s license to be placed on probation until July 14, 2019 and assesses a fine of seventy-five (\$75.00)

- b. Educator Difani is cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics or failure to pay the fine within ninety (90) days from the date of this order may result in more severe discipline, including permanent revocation of his license.
- c. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Difani's professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Mireya Reith, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education