

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 14, 2016

ORDER TO SUSPEND EDUCATOR'S LICENSE DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF FINE
IN RE DEBORAH FAYE CRAIG, PLSB CASE NO. 14-059

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education ("Board") considered the matter of Deborah Faye Craig ("Educator Craig") concerning the non-payment of a fine assessed by Board. Based upon the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

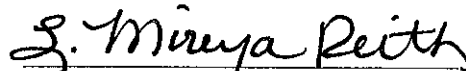
I. Findings of Fact:

- a. On April 7, 2014, the Professional Licensure Standards Board ("PLSB")-Ethics Subcommittee ("Ethics Subcommittee") unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Craig violated Standards 2 and 3 of the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators. Additionally, the Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board:
 - i. Place Educator Craig's license on probation for three (3) years;
 - ii. Assess a seventy-five dollar (\$75) fine; and
 - iii. Require Educator Craig to complete training in paperwork and procedures for Special Education.
- b. On July 10, 2014, the Board entered its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order") in which it adopted the Ethics Subcommittee's findings and recommended sanctions.
- c. In its Order, the Board directed Educator Craig to pay the assessed seventy-five dollar (\$75) fine within thirty (30) days.
- d. On July 16, 2014, the PLSB office mailed Educator Craig the Board's Order via certified and regular mail; this correspondence was received by Educator Craig on July 19, 2014.
- e. On November 19, 2014, the PLSB office mailed Educator Craig a second request for payment of the fine assessed by the Board; this correspondence was received by Educator Craig on November 21, 2014.
- f. To date, Educator Craig has not responded to the PLSB's collection attempts and has not submitted payment of the assessed 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 unanimously voted to suspend Educator Craig's license until payment of the assessed seventy-five dollar (\$75) fine is received by the Arkansas Department of Education's PLSB office.
- b. Furthermore, Educator Craig's license shall be reflected as suspended on the Arkansas Department of Education's public website for licensure until payment of the assessed seventy-five dollar (\$75) fine is received by the Arkansas Department of Education's PLSB office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Mireya Reith, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education