

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 14, 2016

ORDER TO SUSPEND EDUCATOR'S LICENSE DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF FINE
IN RE BILLY EUGENE CARTER, PLSB CASE NO. 14-087

At its regular meeting on July 14, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education ("Board") considered the matter of Billy Eugene Carter ("Educator Carter") 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:

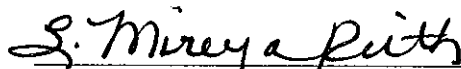
I. Findings of Fact:

- a. On November 5, 2014, the Professional Licensure Standards Board ("PLSB")-Ethics Subcommittee ("Ethics Subcommittee") unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Carter violated Standard 1 of the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators. Additionally, the Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board:
 - i. Suspend Educator Carter's license for two (2) years;
 - ii. Assess a one-hundred dollar (\$100) fine; and
 - iii. Require Educator Carter to complete training in classroom cultural diversity.
- b. On March 12, 2015, 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 Carter to pay the assessed one-hundred dollar (\$100) fine within ninety (90) days.
- d. On March 20, 2015, the PLSB office mailed Educator Carter the Board's Order via certified and regular mail; this correspondence was received by Educator Carter on March 26, 2015.
- e. On March 25, 2016, the PLSB office mailed Educator Carter a second request for payment of the fine assessed by the Board; this correspondence was received by Educator Carter on April 4, 2016.
- f. To date, Educator Carter 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 Carter's license until payment of the assessed one-hundred dollar (\$100) fine is received by the Arkansas Department of Education's PLSB office.
- b. Furthermore, Educator Carter's license shall be reflected as suspended on the Arkansas Department of Education's public website for licensure until payment of the assessed one-hundred dollar (\$100) fine is received by the Arkansas Department of Education's PLSB office.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Mireya Reith, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education