

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 9, 2016

RE: BREONNA NICOLE EDDINGS; REVOCATION OF TEACHING LICENSE

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

At its meeting on June 9, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) considered the matter of the revocation of Breonna Nicole Eddings’ (“Educator Eddings”) license. Upon consideration of the evidence and the Department’s recommendation to permanently revoke Educator Eddings’ license, 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

1. Educator Eddings holds a standard five year teaching license that was issued on January 1, 2013 and is valid until December 31, 2017.
2. On or about January 12, 2016, the Department received information that Educator Eddings was the subject of a DHS true finding that placed her name on the Child Maltreatment Registry.
3. On February 17, 2016, the Department notified Educator Eddings, through her attorney, Nathan S. Morgan, that she was ineligible for continued licensure and employment in an Arkansas public school pursuant to Ark. Code. Ann § 6-17-410 et seq. Additionally, the Department notified Educator Eddings of her right to request that the Board waive her disqualification.
4. The February 17, 2016 notice was received by Educator Eddings’ attorney on February 22, 2016. A request for a waiver hearing was not received from Educator Eddings or her attorney.
5. During the June 9, 2016 Board meeting, a motion was made to accept the Department’s recommendation that the Board permanently revoke Educator Eddings’ license.

6. The Board's vote in favor of the Department's recommendation was unanimous. The motion carried.

II. Conclusions of Law

1. The Board may consider certain enumerated offenses as a disqualification for licensing. *See* Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(c), 6-17-410(d)(A)(5), and § 6-17-411.
2. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410(c), "The state board shall not issue a first-time license nor renew an existing license and shall revoke any existing license not up for renewal of any person who has a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry[...]."
3. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-411(b)(1)(B), "No person holding a license issued by the state board shall be eligible for employment by an education entity if the result of the Child Maltreatment Registry check released to the Department of Education reveal that the applicant has a true report in the Child Maltreatment Central Registry, unless the state board waives revocation under § 6-17-410."

III. Order

1. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-410 and 25-15-201 et seq., the Board accepts the Department's recommendation to permanently revoke Educator Eddings' license. Educator Eddings' license is ordered permanently revoked. Furthermore, Educator Eddings is not eligible for employment in an Arkansas public school, school district, or education service cooperative.
2. This order shall become a permanent entry in Educator Eddings' licensure file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education