

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 12, 2016**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
IN RE BRITTNEY ANN BREEDLOVE; PLSB CASE NO. 16-019**

At its regular meeting on May 12, 2016, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (“Ethics Subcommittee”) for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Brittney Ann Breedlove (“Educator Breedlove”). Based upon Educator Breedlove’s failure to respond to the Ethics Subcommittee’s recommendation and the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq., the Board finds that the Educator Breedlove’s license should be permanently revoked. The Board hereby states as follows:

I. Findings of Fact:

- a. The Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Breedlove a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2014, valid until December 31, 2018.
- b. The Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (“Ethics Subcommittee”) received an allegation that Educator Breedlove violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators (“Code of Ethics”) promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. On October 2, 2015, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into the allegations that Educator Breedlove violated Standard 1: An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom.
- d. On October 6, 2015, Educator Breedlove was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee’s authorization to investigate the allegation.

e. On March 4, 2016, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Breedlove violated Standard 1 when she:

- Had/attempted to have sexual intercourse, sexual relations, or an otherwise inappropriate relationship with a student.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board permanently revoke Educator Breedlove's license. Additionally, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found that Educator Breedlove committed Standard 1 sexual abuse of a student as defined by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-428(p).

f. On March 7, 2016, Educator Breedlove, through her attorney, was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.

g. Neither Educator Breedlove, nor her attorney, responded within the required thirty (30) day period, thereby waiving her right to any notice, hearing, and any other rights she might be entitled to under the Administrative Procedure Act including those set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 212.

II. Conclusion of Law:

a. The Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-208 (b), provides for the resolution of this matter by consent order or default.

b. The Board voted unanimously to permanently revoke Educator Breedlove's license. The Board unanimously found that Educator Breedlove committed Standard 1 sexual abuse of a student as defined by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-428(p).

- c. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Breedlove's professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education