

Jeremiah Justice
Suspension, 1 year with contingency

The Background:

Facts: On February 28, 2018, Respondent resigned from Williamson County Schools in lieu of termination. Respondent resigned during an investigation that he texted and emailed a female student about non-school related items after school hours causing said female student to become uncomfortable.

Status: Respondent was notified via certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice, but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension pursuant to Emergency Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), (h), (4)(c)(5)(ii), (4)(c)(8).

The Board staff recommends that Respondent's Tennessee educator license be suspended for one year. Additionally, the Board staff recommends that as a condition of Respondent's suspension being lifted at the end of the one year, Respondent provide proof of a completed professional development course in professionalism, communication with students, or a similar course.

THIS ITEM WAS VOTED ON DURING THE MEETING TO BE SENT BACK TO THE STAFF FOR MORE DELIBERATION