

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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CARRIE L. CUNNINGHAM

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License No. 000601816

ORDER OF REVOCATION

The Tennessee State Board of Education (Board) disposes of this matter as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Carrie L. Cunningham (“Respondent”) was licensed by the State Board of Education (“Board”) as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.

2. During the 2013-2014 school year, Respondent was employed by Wilson County Schools as a teacher at Watertown High School.

3. On December 13, 2013, Respondent resigned from Wilson County Schools, following a grand jury indictment for soliciting the sexual exploitation of a minor and sexual contact with a minor.

4. On May 16, 2014, Respondent pled guilty to soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor, a Class E felony, in the Criminal Court of Wilson County, Tennessee.

5. As a result of this conviction, Respondent is required to register as a sexual offender in Tennessee.

6. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to revoke her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby revokes Respondent’s license. During the period of revocation, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.

Respondent may not apply for reinstatement until three (3) years from the effective date of this order. Restoration shall be at the discretion of the Board, pursuant to Policy 5.500.

Approved by the Board this 10th day of April, 2015.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:

Fielding Rolston

B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST:

Sara Heyburn

Dr. Sara Heyburn, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of April, 2015.

Phillis E. Childress
NOTARY PUBLIC



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
January 9, 2016

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

Ms. Carrie L. Cunningham
119 Buttonwood Drive
Smyrna, TN 37167