

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 245846

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KRISTEN SEAY

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Kristen Seay (“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 with the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

3. During the 2013-2014 school year, Respondent was employed as a special education teacher at Rossvie Middle School.

4. On February 17, 2014, Respondent resigned from Montgomery County Schools after admitting to falsifying student information in TCAP-ALT portfolios and having students and teachers sign for work they did not complete. As a result of Respondent’s breach of testing security, students’ scores were nullified.

5. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is “unclaimed” is sufficient evidence of the addressee’s refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby suspends Respondent’s license for one (1) year, retroactive to February 17, 2014, the date of her resignation.

During the period of suspension, 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.

Approved by the Board this 30th day of January, 2015.

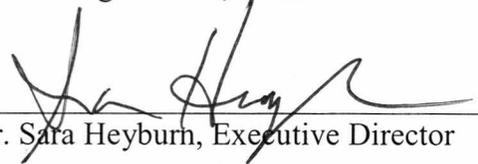
TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST:



Dr. Sara Heyburn, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of February, 2015.


NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Ms. Kristen Seay
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Clarksville, TN 37043-1739