

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

NATHAN POWELL

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License No. 239123

ORDER OF DENIAL OF REINSTATEMENT

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Nathan Powell (Respondent) was a teacher licensed by the State of Tennessee.
2. On September 7, 2012, the Board revoked Respondent's teaching license.
3. The revocation was based on evidence adduced at a hearing regarding Respondent's inappropriate relationship with a 17 year old female student.
4. Respondent subsequently applied for reinstatement of his Tennessee teaching license in January of 2016.
5. While the Board recognizes that substantial time has passed since the original conduct at issue, it is the determination of the Board that a history of such conduct is not appropriate for individuals placed in a position of trust with the State's children.
6. Accordingly, the Board denied Respondent's petition for reinstatement.
7. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to deny his petition for reinstatement based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent did not request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for denial pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(e).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby denies Respondent's petition for reinstatement as of the date of this order.

Approved by the Board this 15th day of April, 2016.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

Fielding Rolston

BY:

B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST:

Sara Heyburn

Dr. Sara Heyburn, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of May, 2016.

Phyllis E. Childress
NOTARY PUBLIC



After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent, through counsel:

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