

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

)

)

**License No. 596116**

**WILLIAM STURDIVANT**

)

**ORDER OF FORMAL REPRIMAND**

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. William Sturdivant (Respondent) was a teacher licensed by the State of Tennessee.
2. On December 3, 2015, Respondent engaged in unprofessional behavior with a student.
3. The behavior at question was engaging in a wrestling match with a student.
4. Respondent subsequently resigned his position and cooperated fully with the investigation into his actions.
5. While the Board recognizes that Respondent had no malicious intent, the action still represents a lapse in judgment and was unprofessional.
6. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to issue a reprimand 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 reprimand, suspension, or revocation pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(e).

**ORDER**

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby formally reprimands Respondent as of the date of this order. A letter of reprimand shall accompany this order.

Approved by the Board this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION

*Fielding Rolston*

BY:

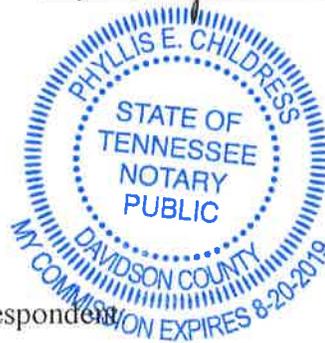
B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST:

*Sara Heyburn*  
Dr. Sara Heyburn, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

*Phyllis E. Childress*  
NOTARY PUBLIC



After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent.

Mr. William Sturdivant  
209 Bullock Dr.  
Clarksville, TN 37040