

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) License No. 000704624
WHITNEY ROBERSON)

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and Whitney Roberson ("Respondent"), this matter is disposed of, pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3) as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed educator in the State of Tennessee.
2. During the 2017-2018 school year, Respondent was suspended for three days by Hawkins County Schools after allowing students to leave campus during school hours in Respondent's personal vehicle to retrieve supplies for culinary arts class. Students were gone from campus for approximately thirteen minutes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for a formal reprimand of her license pursuant to Board Rule (3)(g), (3)(h), (5)(a)(3) and (5)(a)(8).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby orders, and Respondent agrees to the following:

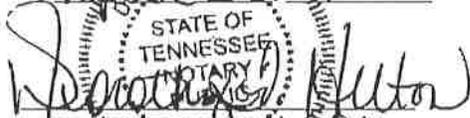
1. Respondent's Tennessee educator license shall be **reprimanded**. A copy of the formal reprimand is attached to this Consent Order and shall be included in Respondent's personnel and license file.
2. Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Respondent's conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.
3. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board, and Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
4. Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and that she understands its contents.
5. Respondent understands that there is a right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order.

6. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order.
7. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board, which includes, but is not limited to reporting this action to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Educator and Certification ("NASDTEC") and posting on the Board website pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-1-302(p), (q).
8. If this Consent Order is not approved by the Board, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter.
9. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:


Whitney Roberson
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 15th day
of April 2020


NOTARY PUBLIC
HAWKINS COUNTY
My commission expires 6-2020

Approved by the Board this 31st day of May, 2019

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of May, 2019.



NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Whitney Roberson
332 Broyles Ave.
Church Hill, TN 37642



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DR. SARA H. MORRISON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 5, 2019

Whitney Roberson
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Re: Tennessee Educator License # 000704624
Letter of Reprimand

Dear Ms. Roberson:

As you know, the Tennessee State Board of Education reviewed the matter pending against you. Based upon the Board's consideration of this matter and the Board's Master Plan for having effective licensed teachers, you are hereby reprimanded. The Board cannot condone your actions. The Board sincerely hopes that it is your intention to never allow this situation to occur again or to violate any professional obligation in fulfilling your responsibilities as an educator. To violate the standards of this profession will surely result in further action being taken against you.

This letter of reprimand is being placed in your state certification file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lillian Hartgrove".

Lillian Hartgrove
Chair, State Board of Education