

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **License No. 000139155**
MELINDA EASTERLING)

ORDER OF FORMAL REPRIMAND

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Melinda Easterling (“Respondent”) was a licensed teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. On May 9, 2017, Williamson County Schools reported a minor testing security breach involving Respondent during the TCAP 2017 Subpart 1 and 2 Algebra test at Fairview Middle School. Respondent opened an absent student’s test booklet and worked all the problems during a current test.
3. On August 18, 2017, Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to formally reprimand her license based upon these findings and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received the notice, but did not request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension, revocation or reprimand formally pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-302(a)(5)(A)(iv) and Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2)(f).

ORDER

The Board hereby formally reprimands Respondent’s license pursuant to the attached letter. A copy of the letter shall also be included in Respondent’s personnel file.

Approved by the Board this 20th day of October, 2017.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY: Fielding Rolston

B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: Sara Morrison
Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of October, 2017.



C. Griffin

NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Melinda Easterling
7108 Fairlawn Drive
Fairview, Tennessee 37062

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October 26, 2017

Melinda Easterling
7108 Fairlawn Drive
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RE: Letter of Reprimand

Dear Ms. Easterling:

This letter serves as your reprimand for engaging in conduct unbecoming of an educator. This conduct is unacceptable and requires correction in order to support the Tennessee State Board of Education's Master Plan of having effective licensed teachers. Continued misconduct could result in the suspension or revocation of your Tennessee educator license.

This letter will be forwarded to your district-level human resources supervisor to be included in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fielding Rolston".

Fielding Rolston
Chair, State Board of Education

Cc : Mike Looney, Superintendent, Williamson County Schools
Brooke Olson, Office of Educator Licensing