

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:
DAVID WEATHERFORD

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License No. 000235899

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and David Weatherford ("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. Henderson County Schools reported on or about July and August 2018 that Respondent was charged with solicitation of a minor in Madison County, Tennessee.
3. On April 29, 2019, an Order of Deferral (Judicial Diversion) was entered against Respondent for his plea of guilty for solicitation of a minor- aggravated statutory rape (misdemeanor), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-528.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for revocation of his license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), (3)(h), (5)(a)(8).

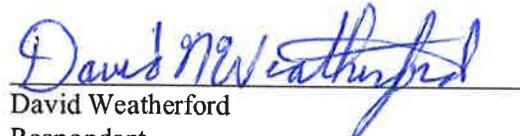
ORDER

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

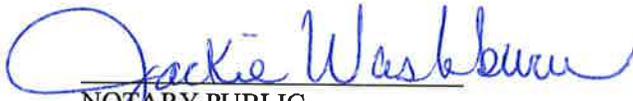
1. Respondent hereby **voluntarily surrenders** his Tennessee educator license.
2. As a condition of the surrender, Respondent has agreed that he will not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.
3. As a condition of the surrender, Respondent agrees not to apply for restoration of his Tennessee educator license until five (5) years from the date of approval of this Consent Order by the Board. Respondent understands that restoration is subject to the discretion of the Board, pursuant to Board policy and rules and regulations.
4. 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. Respondent entered into this Consent Order for the sole purpose of avoiding the burden, expense, delay, and uncertainties of litigation.

5. This Consent Order is not and shall not in any way be construed to be an admission by the Respondent of any wrongful conduct or violation of law whatsoever. This Consent Order is also in no way to be construed by the Board as a condoning of the disputed conduct.
6. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
7. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and that he understands its contents.
8. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
9. 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.
10. 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).
11. 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.
12. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:


David Weatherford
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 6th day
of December, 2019.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 01-19-20



Approved by the Board this 7th day of February, 2020.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of February, 2020.



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

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