

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
JOSEPH TILLMAN DUNAVANT)

License No. 555608

ORDER OF REVOCATION

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Joseph Tillman Dunavant ("Respondent") was licensed by the State Board of Education ("Board") as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. Respondent was found guilty of Statutory Rape in the Criminal Court of Giles County.
3. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(1).

ORDER

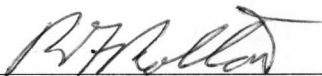
The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby revokes Respondent's license. During the period of revocation, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.

Respondent may not apply for reinstatement until three (3) years from the effective date of this order. Restoration shall be at the discretion of the Board, pursuant to Policy 5.500.

Approved by the Board this 25th day of July, 2014.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST:

Gary Nixon
Dr. Gary L. Nixon, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of August, 2014.

Phyllis E. Childress
NOTARY PUBLIC



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
January 9, 2016

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

Mr. Joseph Tillman Dunavant
250 Locke Road
Pulaski, TN 38478