

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **License No. 000120266**
CHARLES PATTERSON)

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education (“Board”) and Charles Patterson (“Respondent”), this matter is disposed of, pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3) and 0520-02-03-.09(5) as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed educator in the State of Tennessee.
2. During the 2018-2019 school year, Respondent was employed by the Millington Municipal School District (“MMSD”) as a teacher at Millington High School.
3. MMSD reported to the Board on December 12, 2018, that Respondent had engaged in inappropriate communications with students.
4. Specifically, Respondent discussed personal matters with students and used them as references when giving examples in class.
5. Respondent was suspended by MMSD pending its investigation into these allegations and retired effective November 28, 2018.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of his license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), 0520-02-03-.09(3)(h), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(5)(i), and 0520-02-03-.09(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 **suspended for two (2) years**. The period of suspension begins on November 18, 2018, and ends on November 18, 2020.
2. Respondent shall submit proof of his completion of professional development training in student-teacher boundaries or the like, with the date of completion being after November 18, 2018, prior to the reinstatement of his Tennessee educator license.

3. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.
4. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall take any courses necessary and pay any fees necessary to maintain a current educator license.
5. Respondent's license shall be reinstated provided the above conditions are met.
6. 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.
7. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.
8. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
9. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and that he understands its contents.
10. 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.
11. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
12. 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.
13. 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).
14. 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.
15. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein

CONSENTED TO:

Charles A. Patterson
Charles Patterson
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 1 day
of May, 2019.

Tiffany Farmer

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:



Approved by the Board this 26th day of July, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July, 2019.



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

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2167 Magnum Rd.
Memphis, TN 38134

Charles Patterson
c/o John Candy
358 New Byhalia Rd.
Collierville, TN 38017