

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 000637033

BARON HILL

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and Baron Hill ("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 Shelby County Schools ("SCS") as a JROTC teacher at Manassas High School.
3. SCS reported to the Board that, during the 2018-2019 school year, Respondent committed negligence in his commission of duties as an educator.
4. Specifically, Respondent left some of his students unattended in the gun range and, while he was gone, one student shot another student with an air rifle.
5. Respondent was suspended without pay by SCS for one (1) day on May 16, 2019, based upon the allegations against him as stated herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for the formal reprimand 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)(3)(i), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(3)(ii), 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 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. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and that he understands its contents.
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.
5. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
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:

Baron Hill

Baron Hill
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of October 2019.

Freda Lofties
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 12/27/22



Approved by the Board this 15th day of November, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of November, 2019.



NOTARY PUBLIC

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent and her attorney at their last known addresses:

Baron Hill
6020 Enterprise St.
Millington, TN 38053



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DR. SARA H. MORRISON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 15, 2019

Re: Baron Hill - Tennessee Educator License #000637033
Letter of Reprimand

Baron Hill
6020 Enterprise Street
Millington, TN 38053

Dear Mr. Hill:

This letter serves as your reprimand for negligence in the commission of duties as an educator in violation of State Board of Education Rules and the Tennessee Teacher Code of Ethics. This conduct is unacceptable and requires correction in order to support the State Board of Education's Master Plan of having effective licensed teachers. The Board sincerely hopes that it is your intention to never allow this situation to occur again. Any further violations may 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