

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **License No. 000199738**
LEEONA OSZUST)

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and Leeona Oszust ("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. On February 17, 2018, Respondent was arrested for Driving Under the Influence 2nd. At the time of her arrest, she was transporting a current student of Union County Schools in her vehicle.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of her license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g).

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 one (1) year**. The period of suspension begins on May 31, 2019 and ends on May 31, 2020.
2. Respondent shall submit proof of her completion of an alcohol treatment program, with the date of completion being after February 19, 2018, prior to reinstatement of her Tennessee educator license.
3. Respondent shall also submit proof that she did not incur any further traffic violations or motor vehicle-related convictions between February 19, 2018, and May 31, 2020, prior to reinstatement of her Tennessee educator license.
4. 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.
5. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall take any courses necessary and pay any fees necessary to maintain a current educator license.
6. Respondent's license shall be automatically reinstated provided the above conditions are met.

7. 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.
8. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.
9. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
10. Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and that she understands its contents.
11. 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.
12. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
13. 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.
14. 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).
15. 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.
16. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:



Leona Oszust
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 8th day
of July, 2019.



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My commission expires: 10/2/21



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.



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

Leona Ozsust
4395 LaLonde Rd.
Standish, MI 48658