

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

CLINTON CUMMINGS

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License No. 000235113

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and Clinton Cummings ("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. Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools reported that, during the 2019-2020 school year, Respondent engaged in inappropriate physical contact with a student.
3. Specifically, Respondent grabbed a special education student and pushed him onto the ground face down with your knee on the student's back. Respondent wrestled with the student until he was able to get the student's nametag from him. During the same day and with the same student, Respondent forced the student against the wall, took him down to the ground, and started lying on him while he was screaming and crying.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(e), (3)(g), (3)(h), (5)(a)(6)(i), (5)(a)(6)(ii), (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 a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Consent Order.**
2. Respondent shall submit proof of completion of a Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) certification program prior to the reinstatement of Respondent's Tennessee educator license.
3. During the period of suspension, Respondent has agreed that Respondent 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.

4. Respondent's license shall be reinstated provided the above conditions are met.
5. 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.
6. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.
7. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
8. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents.
9. 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.
10. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
11. 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.
12. 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).
13. 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.
14. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:


Clinton Cummings
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of June, 2020


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My commission expires: 09-19-2021



Approved by the Board this 6th day of November, 2020.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of November, 2020.



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

Clinton Cummings
110 Chertsey Court
Murfreesboro, TN 37127