

Angelia Stang
Voluntary Surrender

The Background:

Prior History: N/A

Facts: On March 20, 2018, Lauderdale County Schools received reports that Ms. Stang, a primary school teacher, repeatedly struck and dragged a special education student down the hallway. An investigation revealed that she did drag the student on two separate occasions. In June 2018, Ms. Stang was indicted in Lauderdale County, Tennessee General Sessions Court on charges of child abuse-inflct injury (felony) and assault (misdemeanor). On August 24, 2018, Ms. Stang pleaded guilty to child abuse-inflct injury. She was granted judicial diversion and was ordered to serve two (2) years of probation from October 2018 to October 2020. Additionally, the Department of Children’s Services substantiated the allegations of physical abuse against Ms. Stang and found her to be a perpetrator of physical abuse as a result of her conduct with the student. A process server attempted to serve Ms. Stang her due process rights regarding the DCS matter to no avail.

Applicable Rule: 0520-02-03-.09(1)(k) defines Good Cause as conduct that calls into question the fitness of an educator to hold a license including, but not limited to, . . . violation of any provision in the Teacher Code of Ethics as contained in T.C.A. § 49-5-1001, *et seq.*

0520-02-03-.09(3)(a) provides that the Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator’s license for a felony conviction.

0520-02-03-.09(3)(e) provides that the Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator’s license for inappropriate physical contact with a student.

0520-02-03-.09(3)(g) provides that the Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator’s license for other good cause as defined in subparagraph (1)(k) of this rule.

0520-02-03-.09(3)(h) provides that the Board may revoke, suspend, formally reprimand, or refuse to issue or renew an educator’s license for any offense contained in paragraphs (4) and/or (5) of this rule.

0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(1) provides that the upon receiving notification that in individual has been convicted of a felony, the Board may revoke or permanently revoke the convicted individual’s educator license.

0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(6)(i-ii) provides that an individual holding an educator's license who is found to have engaged in inappropriate physical contact with a student that does not result in harm or potential harm or does result in harm or potential harm to the student shall be subject to a disciplinary action within the range of a formal reprimand up to and including permanent revocation.

0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(8) provides that an individual holding an educator's license who is found to have violated the teacher code of ethics shall be subject to a disciplinary action within the range of a suspension for no less than one (1) year up to and including revocation.

T.C.A. § 49-5-413(e) provides that the state board of education is prohibited from retaining any individual whom DCS has found to have committed child abuse, severe child abuse, child sexual abuse or child neglect and due process rights of the individual were either offered but not accepted, or were fully concluded pursuant to DCS' rules and regulations, state and federal law.

T.C.A. § 49-5-1003(b)(4-5) provides that an educator shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning or to health and safety, and not intentionally expose the student to embarrassment or disparagement.

Status: Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to **revoke** her educator license based upon these findings. Respondent received said notice.

Board Action Consistency Considerations:

N/A

The Recommendation:

The Board staff recommends that the Board approve the signed Consent Order submitted by the Respondent based upon the facts and applicable rule noted above.