

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 14, 2015**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
IN RE LARRY DEAN WALTERS, PLSB CASE NO. 15-044**

At its regular meeting on May 14, 2015, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee's ("Ethics Subcommittee) recommendation for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Larry Dean Walters ("Educator Walters"). Based upon Educator Walters' consent to the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-101 et seq., the Board hereby states as follows:

I. Findings of Fact:

- a. The Arkansas Department of Education issued Educator Walters a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2012, valid until December 1, 2016.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Walters violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators ("Code of Ethics") promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § § 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. On November 5, 2014, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into the allegations that Educator Walters violated Standard 4 of the Code of Ethics: An educator entrusted with public funds and property, including school sponsored activity funds, honors that trust with honest, responsible stewardship.
- d. On November 10, 2014, Educator Walters was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's authorization to investigate the allegation.

- e. On February 6, 2015, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found that Educator Walters violated Standard 4 of the Code of Ethics when he:

Was seen on different occasions filling his personal vehicle at the school fuel pumps on the high school campus.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the State Board issue Educator Walters a written warning.

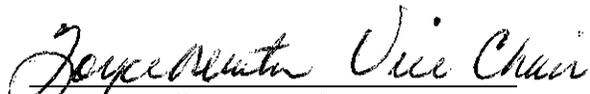
- f. On February 19, 2015, Educator Walters, through his attorney, was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.
- g. On February 24, 2015, Educator Walters, through his attorney, received the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation.
- h. On March 11, 2015, Educator Walters, through his attorney, accepted the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation, thereby waiving his right to any further notice, or hearing, or any other rights he might have under the Administrative Procedure Act including those rights set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-211 and 25-15-212.
- i. At today's meeting, the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and supporting documentation were presented to the Board as part of its consent agenda.

II. Conclusions of Law:

- a. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, 6-17-428 and 25-15-201 et seq., and the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, the Board adopts the recommendations of the Ethics Subcommittee.

- b. Accordingly, the Board admonishes Educator Walters for his violation of the Code of Ethics and issues a written warning.
- c. Educator Walters is cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics may result in more severe discipline including permanent revocation of his license.
- d. This order shall remain for two (2) years in his professional licensure file, but shall remain permanently in the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Samuel Ledbetter, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education