

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2015

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
RE: DAVID VAN BUREN; REVOCATION OF LICENSE

At its meeting on February 12, 2015, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) in the matter of the permanent revocation of the license of David Van Buren finds that upon consideration of the evidence and the Department's recommendation, his license should be permanently revoked in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-101 et seq. The Board hereby states as follows:

1. Findings of Fact:
 - a. David Van Buren holds a standard teaching license issued on January 1, 2014, and which expires on December 31, 2018. The license was issued by reciprocity.
 - b. On April 10, 2014, Georgia revoked Mr. Van Buren's Georgia teaching license upon his voluntary surrender of the license. The voluntary surrender was entered into as part of an agreement in a sex-related criminal case.
 - c. The Department informed Mr. Van Buren by certified mail that due to the revocation of his license in Georgia, the Department would seek revocation of his Arkansas license. Mr. Van Buren was also informed of her right to a hearing before the State Board to request a waiver.
 - d. Mr. Van Buren signed for the certified mail but did not respond within the time required by law and did not request a waiver.
 - e. The Department recommends permanent revocation of his license.

- f. A motion was made to grant the Department's recommendation for permanent revocation of David Van Buren's Arkansas teaching license. The Board's vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.
 2. Conclusions of Law:
 - a. The State Board of Education may permanently revoke, suspend, or place on probation an Arkansas teaching license for failing to establish or maintain the necessary requirements and standards set forth in Arkansas law or state board rules and regulations for teacher licensure. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(f).
 - b. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-410 and 25-15-201 et seq., the Arkansas State Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Department and permanently revokes his license. Further, David Van Buren is not eligible for employment in an Arkansas public school, school district, or education service cooperative.
 3. This order shall become a permanent entry in the licensure file of the educator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Samuel Ledbetter, Chair
State Board of Education