

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2015

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
IN RE JIMMIE DEAN WALLS, PLSB CASE NO. 15-031

At its regular meeting on February 12, 2015, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Jimmie Dean Walls. Based upon Mr. Walls' failure to respond to the 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 Jimmie Dean Walls a standard five-year teaching license on January 1 2014, valid until December 31, 2018.
- b. The Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Mr. Walls violated the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § § 6-17-422 and 6-17-428.
- c. The subcommittee authorized an investigation into allegations that Mr. Walls violated Standard 1: An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom.
- d. Mr. Walls was notified on October 8, 2014, of the subcommittee's authorization on October 3, 2014, to investigate this allegation.

- e. After considering the investigator's report and evidence on December 5, 2014, the subcommittee unanimously found that reasonable belief existed to substantiate a violation of Standard 1 in that Mr. Walls:

Said to a student, "I will get your ass out of JROTC."

The subcommittee recommended that the State Board issue Mr. Walls a written warning.

- f. Mr. Walls was notified of the subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation on December 8, 2014, by certified and regular mail.
- g. Mr. Walls received the subcommittee's recommendation on December 10, 2014, and did not request a hearing before the State Board 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.
- h. At today's meeting, the 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 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators, the Board adopts the recommendations of the subcommittee.
- b. Accordingly, the Board admonishes Mr. Walls for his violation of the Code of Ethics and issues a written warning.

- c. Mr. Walls 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