

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER
IN RE LINDSEY MARIE BOX, PLSB CASE NO. 15-154**

At its regular meeting on November 12, 2015, the Arkansas State Board of Education (“Board”) accepted the recommendation of the Professional Licensure Standards Board Ethics Subcommittee (“Ethics Subcommittee”) for disciplinary action against the teaching license of Lindsey Marie Box (“Educator Box”). Based upon Educator Box’s 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 Box a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2013, valid until December 31, 2017.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Box 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 June 5, 2015, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into the allegation that Educator Box violated Standards 1: An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom.
- d. On June 11, 2015, Educator Box was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee’s authorization to investigate this allegation.

e. On October 2, 2015, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Box violated

Standards 1 when she:

- Told students in class that she did not have a "snap chat" because boys would send her dick pics.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board issue Educator Box a written warning and require six (6) hours of social media training through AETN. This training is to be completed within sixty (60) days of the date of the Board's final order. All costs to be paid by Educator Box.

f. On October 7, 2015, Educator Box was notified, through her attorney, of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.

g. On October 13, 2015, Educator Box, through her attorney, accepted the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation, thereby waiving her right to any further notice, hearing, or any other rights she 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 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, the Board adopts the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation.

b. Accordingly, the Board admonishes Educator Box for her violation of the Code of Ethics, issues a written warning, and requires six (6) hours of social media training through

AETN. This training will be completed within sixty (60) days of the date of the Board's final order. All costs to be paid by Educator Box.

- c. Educator Box is cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics may result in more severe discipline, including permanent revocation of her license.
- d. This order shall remain for two (2) years in Educator Box's professional licensure file, but shall remain permanently in the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education