

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUGUST 13, 2015**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER  
IN RE JILL ANN ROGERS, PLSB CASE NO. 15-084**

At its regular meeting on August 13, 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 Jill Ann Rogers (“Educator Rogers”). Based upon Educator Rogers’ failure to respond 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 Rogers a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2011, valid until December 31, 2015.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Rogers 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. The Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into allegations that Educator Rogers violated Standard 1: An educator maintains a professional relationship with each student, both in and outside the classroom.
- d. On February 6, 2015, Educator Rogers was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee’s authorization to investigate this allegation.

- e. On June 5, 2015, after considering the investigator's report and evidence the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found that reasonable belief existed to substantiate a violation of Standard 1 in that Educator Rogers:
- Called a meeting with students she chaperoned to Washington, DC and told them, "I am so mad I could f---ing spit; and
  - Left students alone in Washington, DC more than once (in a cab, in a museum, and while walking to the White House.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board issue a written reprimand to Educator Rogers and assess a fine of \$50.00.

- f. On June 9, 2015, Educator Rogers, through her attorney, was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.
- g. Neither Educator Rogers, nor her attorney responded within the accepted period of time to the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendation and did not request a hearing before the Board, thereby waiving her right to any further notice or 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 recommendations of the Ethics Subcommittee.
- b. Accordingly, the Board admonishes Educator Rogers for her violation of the Code of Ethics, issues a written reprimand, and assesses a fine of \$50.00.

- c. Educator Rogers is cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics or failure to pay the fine within ninety (90) days from the date of this order may result in more severe discipline including permanent revocation of her license.
- d. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Rogers' professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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Toyce Newton, Chair  
Arkansas State Board of Education