

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 14, 2016**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
IN RE JILL MOODY, PLSB CASE NO. 15-187**

At its regular meeting on April 14, 2016, 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 Moody (“Educator Moody”). Based upon Educator Moody’s failure to respond to the Ethics Subcommittee’s recommendation and the evidence presented, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure 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 Moody a standard five-year teaching license on January 1, 2016, valid until December 31, 2020.
- b. The Ethics Subcommittee received an allegation that Educator Moody 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 July 10, 2015, the Ethics Subcommittee authorized an investigation into the allegation that Educator Moody violated Standard 3: An educator honestly fulfills reporting obligations associated with professional practices.
- d. On July 21, 2015, Educator Moody was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee’s authorization to investigate the allegation.

e. On January 8, 2016, after considering the investigator's report and evidence, the Ethics Subcommittee unanimously found reasonable belief that Educator Moody violated Standard 3 of the Code of Ethics by:

- Submitting false physician notes as documentation for her sick leave absences.

The Ethics Subcommittee recommended that the Board suspend Educator Moody's license for two (2) years, assess a fine of \$100.00, and require that she provide a letter from a licensed counselor, who specializes in addiction, stating that she is fit to return to the classroom at the end of the two (2) year suspension.

f. On January 12, 2016, Educator Moody was notified of the Ethics Subcommittee's reasonable belief determination and recommendation by certified and regular mail.

g. Educator Moody did not respond within the required thirty (30) day period, thereby waiving her right to any notice, hearing, and any other rights he might be entitled to under the Administrative Procedure Act including those set forth in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 36-15-211 and 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:

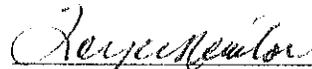
a. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the meeting and pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-17-401, 6-17-422, 6-17-428, and 25-15-201 et seq., and the Code of Ethics, the Board adopts the of the Ethics Subcommittee's recommendations.

b. Accordingly, the Board admonishes Educator Moody for her violation of the Code of Ethics, orders the suspension of Educator Moody's license for two (2) years, assesses

a fine of \$100.00, requires that she provide a letter from a licensed counselor, who specializes in addiction stating that she is fit to return to the classroom at the end of the two (2) year suspension.

- c. Educator Moody is cautioned that her non-payment of the assessed fine of \$100.00 will result in the continued suspension of her license until the fine is paid in full.
- d. Educator Moody is cautioned that further violations of the Code of Ethics or failure to pay the fine within ninety (90) days may result in more severe discipline, including permanent revocation of her license.
- e. This order shall remain permanently in Educator Moody's professional licensure file and the confidential files of the Professional Licensure Standards Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education