

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 10, 2015

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
RE: CLARENCE DONALD MUMFORD; REVOCATION OF LICENSE

At its meeting on December 10, 2015, the Arkansas State Board of Education (Board) in the matter of the suspension of the license of Clarence Donald Mumford 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. Accordingly, the Board hereby states as follows:

1. Findings of Fact:

- a. Clarence Donald Mumford holds a standard teaching license issued on January 1, 2011, and which expires on December 31, 2015. The license was issued by reciprocity.
- b. On September 19, 2012, Mr. Mumford was convicted in the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee of conspiracy to defraud the United States, specifically mail, wire, and Social Security fraud in connection with a teacher certification cheating ring. Further, on August 13, 2013, Tennessee revoked Mr. Mumford's teaching license, and on August 23, 2013, Mississippi also revoked his license.
- c. On September 16, 2015, and on September 29, 2015, the Department informed Mr. Mumford by certified mail that due to the criminal convictions and the revocation of his licenses in Tennessee and Mississippi, the Department would seek revocation of his Arkansas license. Mr. Mumford was also informed of his right to a hearing before the State Board to request a waiver.

- d. On September 28, 2015, the Department received Mr. Mumford's request for a waiver of the criminal convictions. He did not respond with a request for a waiver of the failure to maintain his licenses in Tennessee and Mississippi.
- e. Mr. Mumford did not appear nor did he send a representative to speak on his behalf at the hearing.
- f. The Department recommends permanent revocation of his license.
- g. A motion was made to grant the Department's recommendation for the permanent revocation of Clarence Donald Mumford's Arkansas teaching license. The motion carried.

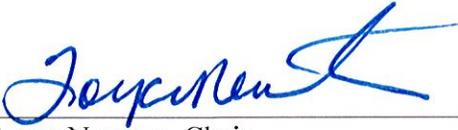
2. Conclusions of Law:

- a. The State Board of Education may consider certain enumerated offenses as a disqualification for licensing and for employment in a public school. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-17-410(c), 6-17-410(d)(A)(5) and 6-17-411. The state board shall not issue a first-time license nor renew an existing license and shall revoke any existing license not up for renewal of any person who has pled guilty or nolo contendere to or has been found guilty of certain offenses enumerated in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-17-410.
- b. Further, 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).
- c. 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
Clarence Donald Mumford's license.

3. This order shall become a permanent entry in the licensure file of the educator.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Toyce Newton, Chair