

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 10, 2015

IN RE KRISTI DAWN BRINKMAN-LEE
FINAL ORDER FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE

The Arkansas State Board of Education (Board), at its meeting of December 10, 2015, in the matter of the revocation of the license of Kristi Dawn Brinkman-Lee finds that upon consideration of the evidence and the Department's recommendation, her 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:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kristi Dawn Brinkman-Lee holds a standard five-year teaching license issued on January 1, 2012, valid until December 31, 2016.
2. On April 6, 2015, Ms. Brinkman-Lee pleaded guilty to two counts of Forgery, a C felony.
3. On September 9, 2015, the Department notified Ms. Brinkman-Lee that based on Arkansas Code Ann. § 6-17-410 felony forgery is a disqualifying offense for licensure, and that it would recommend that the Board permanently revoke her license. Further, the Department advised Ms. Brinkman-Lee by certified mail and regular mail that she is entitled to seek a waiver of the disqualifying offense from the Board.
4. Ms. Brinkman-Lee did not respond to the letter within the time period required by law.
5. A motion was made to accept the Department's recommendation that the Board permanently revoke Ms. Brinkman-Lee's license.

10. The Board's vote in favor was unanimous. The motion carried.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW; ORDER

1. 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.

2. 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 Ms. Brinkman-Lee's license. Further, Ms. Brinkman-Lee is not eligible for employment in an Arkansas public school, school district, or education service cooperative.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Toyce Newton, Chair