BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the License of Ethan Huff 18-PPC-53

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 14th day of May 2019, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board). Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Kathy Busch, and members, Jean Clifford, Michelle Dombrosky, Deena Horst, Ben Jones, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah, Jim Porter, Steve Roberts, and Janet Waugh.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on April 26, 2019. Ethan Huff did not appear. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Scott Gordon. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted 8 – 0, to recommend Ethan Huff's voluntary surrender of his license be accepted and his professional teaching license and any associated endorsements be revoked immediately.

WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission's Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board's questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law by a vote of 10 - 0.

All findings set forth in the Commission's Initial Order attached hereto are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Final Order as though fully set forth at length herein.

IT IS THEREFORE CONCLUDED by the Kansas State Board of Education that Ethan Huff voluntary surrender of his license is accepted and his professional teaching license and any associated endorsements be revoked immediately.

This Final Order is made and entered this 14th day of May 2019.

Kansas State Board of Education

BY: Kathy Busch, Chairman

Signed May 2019

NOTICE TO LICENSEE/APPLICANT

This is a Final Order and is effective upon service.

To request reconsideration of this order, you must file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Secretary to the State Board of Education, at the address below, within 15 days after service of this Final Order. The Petition must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested.

To request a stay of effectiveness of this order, you must file a Petition for Stay with the Secretary to the State Board of Education at the address below. A petition can be filed until the time which a petition for judicial review would no longer be timely.

To seek judicial review of a Final Order, you must file a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, et seq. within 30 days following the service of the Final Order. Filing a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking judicial review. A copy of any Petition for Judicial Review must be served upon the Secretary to the State Board of Education at the address below.

Peggy Hill Secretary, Kansas State Board of Education Landon State Office Building 900 SW Jackson Ave. Suite 600N Topeka, Kansas 66612

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of May 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Ethan Huff 410 West Linden Ave. Arkansas City, Kansas 67005

And via interoffice mail to:

R. Scott Gordon Kansas State Department of Education 900 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 102 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Peggy Hill, Secretary

Kansas State Board of Education

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the License of Ethan Huff 18-PPC-53

INITIAL ORDER

The above-captioned case comes on for hearing before the Professional Practices

Commissioner (Commission) of the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) upon Ethan

Huff's submission of a voluntary surrender of his teaching license for revocation.

The hearing on this matter was held on April 26, 2019. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sieck, and members, William Anderson, Aaron Edwards, Jennifer Holt, Nathan Reed, Sylvia Ramirez, Stan Ruff, and Maret Schrader. The KSDE appeared by and through its attorney, General Counsel, R. Scott Gordon. Ethan Huff did not appear.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Ethan Huff holds a professional teaching license issued by the Kansas State Board of Education.
- 2. Huff voluntarily surrendered his teaching license for revocation as a consequence of inappropriate contact with a student. The contact resulted in criminal charges and an eventual conviction in Cowley County District Court Case #2017-CR-671 of Battery, Contributing to a Child's Misconduct or Deprivation in violation of K.S.A. 21-5603(a)(2) & (b)(3), and Interference with Judicial Process in violation of K.S.A. 21-5905(a)(5)(C) & (b)(4)(B).
- 3. Mr. Huff's surrender was ordered as a condition of his criminal sentence, as his original criminal charges were amended on the condition that he surrender his right for current and any future licensure by the Kansas State Board of Education.
- 4. A copy of Mr. Huff's surrender is attached to this Initial Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A member of the teaching or school administration profession may voluntarily surrender her license to the Commission. The Commission shall investigate the surrender and make a recommendation to the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) for disposition of the license. K.A.R. 91-22-5a(e).
- 2. Under these circumstances, notice of the possible revocation of Huff's license and the opportunity for him to have a hearing are not required to revoke his license. See K.A.R. 91-22-1a(h) (Before a license is revoked for any act described in K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a), the person shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing).

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends to the State Board by a vote of 8 – 0 that Ethan Huff's voluntary surrender of his license be accepted and his teaching license and any associated endorsements be revoked immediately.

This Initial Order is made and entered this _______, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Linda Sieck, Chairman

Order signed on _______, 2019.

NOTICE TO LICENSEE

This Order is not a Final Order and is required to be reviewed by the Kansas State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act. The State Board will review all issues. Notice of review with the specific date and time will be provided to the parties within 15 days of the review.

You may submit to the State Board for its consideration as part of its review of the Initial Order a written brief citing legal authority as to why the above recommendation should not be accepted. You must file the brief with the State Board Secretary at the address indicated below within ten calendar days after service of the Initial Order for transmittal to the State Board. You must also make any request for oral argument at that time.

Peggy Hill Secretary, Kansas State Board of Education 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 600 Topeka, KS 66612

Response briefs are due within ten calendar days after service of the legal brief upon the opposing party. Any reply brief is due five calendar days after service of any response brief upon the opposing party. Any response or reply briefs must also be filed with the State Board Secretary at the address indicated above.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _______ day of _______, 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was filed with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education and one (1) copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Ethan Huff 410 West Linden Ave. Arkansas City, Kansas 67005

And via interoffice mail to:

R. Scott Gordon Kansas State Department of Education 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 102 Topeka, Kansas 66612

Gwen Kramer

Secretary, Professional Practices Commission

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of) the Licensure of) Ethan Dane Huff, #1894891287)	Case No. 18-PPC-53
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER	
I, Ethan Dane Huff, hereby knowingly and voluntarily surrender my professional license to the Kansas State Board of Education for revocation as a consequence of inappropriate contact with a student. The contact resulted in criminal charges and an eventual conviction in Cowley County District Court Case #2017-CR-671 of Battery, Contributing to a Child's Misconduct or Deprivation in violation of K.S.A. 21-5603(a)(2) & (b)(3), and Interference with Judicial Process in violation of K.S.A. 21-5905(a)(5)(C) & (b)(4)(B). As a condition of the plea agreement and of my criminal sentence, I am surrendering my current license and waive any and all future eligibility to be licensed to teach in Kansas or any other state.	
I understand the Professional Practices Commission and the Kansas State Board of Education will review all relevant information in this case. I waive any right to a hearing I may have had in this matter. I waive any objection to or contestation of findings made by the Professional Practices Commission or the Kansas State Board of Education. I further acknowledge and understand that notice of any discipline imposed by the Kansas State Board of Education will be provided to all local education agencies in the State of Kansas and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states.	
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