# BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the License of Bryce Sund

19-PPC-07

#### 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. Bryce Sund 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 the Board revoke Bryce Sund's professional teaching license.

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 Bryce Sund's professional teaching license is revoked.

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

Kansas State Board of Education

## 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:

Bryce Sund 1219 E. Denver Park City, Kansas 67219

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 Bryce Sund 19-PPC-07

#### 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 the

Complaint filed by the Kansas State Department of Education seeking revocation of Bryce Sund's professional teaching license.

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. Bryce Sund did not appear.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Bryce Sunds hold a professional teaching license by the Kansas State Board of Education.
- 2. On June 28, 2018, Mr. Sund was charged with one count of misdemeanor Soliciting for Immoral Purpose as described in Wichita City Ordinance # 5.68.110(a); one count of misdemeanor Buying Sexual Relations as described in Wichita City Ordinance # 5.68.020(b); and one count of misdemeanor Anti Sex Trafficking Emphasis Area, Enhanced Penalties as described in Wichita City Ordinance # 5.68.215(b) in Wichita Municipal Court.
- 3. On July 18, 2018, Mr. Sund was charged with one count of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana as described in K.S.A. 21-5706(b)(3)(c)(3)(A); and one count of misdemeanor Transporting an Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage as described in K.S.A. 8-1599 in the 18th Judicial District Court, Sedgwick County, Kansas.

- 4. On October 22, 2018, Mr. Sund pleaded guilty to and was convicted of one count of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana as described in K.S.A. 21-5706(b)(3)(c)(3)(A).
- On November 28, 2018, Mr. Sund pleaded no contest to and was convicted of one count of misdemeanor Hiring a Person Selling Sexual Relations who is 18 or Older as described in Wichita City Ordinance # 5.68.020(b).
- 6. The Kansas State Department of Education mailed a copy of the Complaint via certified mail to Bryce Sund's last known address. It was returned unclaimed.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- The Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) is responsible for the general supervision of Kansas education, including the certification and licensure of teachers. Kan. Const., Art. VI and K.S.A. 72-255.
- 2. The State Board may revoke a license for conviction of any misdemeanor involving drug-related conduct as provided for in K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a)(4).
- One of the obvious goals of education is to "instill respect for the law." Hainline v. Bond, 250
   Kan. 217 (1992). An educator is a role model. Hainline at 224.
- Teaching and school administration are professions with all the similar rights, responsibilities
   and privileges accorded other legally recognized professions. K.S.A. 72-2308.
- 5. Mr. Sund's conduct is inconsistent with the commonly-held perceptions and expectations of a member of the teaching profession. Such conduct violates the public trust and confidence placed in members of the profession. Mr. Sund's conduct demonstrates a lack of fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of a member of the teaching and school administration professions and is sufficient and just cause to revoke his license.

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission, by vote of 8-0, recommends the Kansas State Board of Education revoke the professional teaching license of Bryce Sund based

on his conviction of misdemeanor drug charges, misdemeanor hiring a person selling sexual relations, and for not requesting a hearing or submitting an answer in response to the Complaint.

This Initial Order is made and entered this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Order signed on Yhay 2, 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                       |
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| 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:                             |

Bryce Sund 1219 E. Denver Park City, Kansas 67219

And via interoffice mail to: R. Scott Gordon Kansas State Department of Education 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 102 Topeka, Kansas 66612

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Secretary, Professional Practices Commission