

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of
the License
of Steven Young

16-PPC-22

FINAL ORDER

NOW, on this 10th day of January, 2017, the above-captioned matter comes for consideration by the Kansas State Board of Education (Board). Appearing for the Board are Chairman, Jim Porter, and members, John Bacon, Kathy Busch, Sally Cauble, Deena Horst, Jim McNiece, Ann Mah, Steve Roberts, and Janet Waugh.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on November 18, 2016. Steven Young appeared not. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared by and through its attorney, Kelli M. Broers. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted 6 – 0 to recommend Mr. Young’s voluntary surrender of his teaching license should be accepted and his license revoked.


WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission’s Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Commission Chairman, 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 9 – 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 Steven Young’s teaching license is revoked.

This Final Order is made and entered this 10th day of January, 2016.

Kansas State Board of Education


BY: Jim Porter, Chairman
Signed January 11, 2017

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

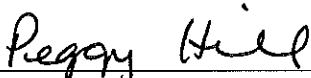
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 13th day of January, 2017, 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:

Steven Young
1754 Oxford Circle
Derby, Kansas 67037

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Broers
Assistant General Counsel
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**

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INITIAL ORDER

The above-captioned case comes before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon Steven Young's submission of a voluntary surrender of his teaching license.

The Commission reviewed this matter on November 18, 2016. Appearing for the Commission were chairperson, Linda Sleck, and members, Dorsey Burgess, Vici Jennings, John McKinney, Sylvia Ramirez, and Jessica Snider. Kelli Broers appeared as counsel for KSDE. Mr. Young did not appear.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven Young holds a Kansas teaching license.
2. Mr. Young voluntarily surrendered¹ his teaching license as a consequence of his misconduct and subsequent criminal conviction for Electronic Solicitation of a Child in violation of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5509(a)(b)(1).
3. Mr. Young admitted his conviction was based on chat messages he exchanged with an individual he believed to be fourteen years old and Skype sessions with that same individual. Some of the messages exchanged, and at least one Skype session, were sexual in nature.

¹ The voluntary surrender is attached hereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

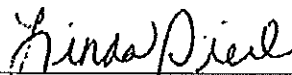
1. A member of the teaching or school administration profession may voluntarily surrender his license to the Commission. The surrender shall be investigated by the Commission. A recommendation shall be made by the Commission to the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) for disposition of the license. K.A.R. 91-22-5a(e).

2. Under these circumstances, notice of the possible revocation of Mr. Young'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 6 – 0 that Steven Young's voluntary surrender of his license should be accepted and his teaching license should be revoked immediately.

This Initial Order is made and entered this November 18, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION



Linda Sieck, Chairperson

Order signed on December 13, 2016.

NOTICE TO LICENSEE/APPLICANT

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. The brief must be filed 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.

Any request for oral argument must also be made at that time.

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


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I hereby certify that on this 13th day of December, 2016, 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:

Steven Young
1754 Oxford Circle
Derby, Kansas 67037

And via interoffice mail to:

Kelli Broers
Kansas State Department of Education
900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 102
Topeka, Kansas 66612



Gwen Kramer
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission

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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, Steven Young, hereby acknowledge that in the District Court, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Case No. 15 CR 3055, I pleaded guilty to and was convicted of Electronic Solicitation of a Child in violation of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5509(a)(b)(1). My plea and conviction are based on chat messages I exchanged with an individual I believed to be fourteen years old and Skype sessions with that same individual. Some of the messages I exchanged, and at least one Skype session, were sexual in nature.

I now surrender my teaching license (No. 3946713157) and any associated endorsements to the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) for revocation as a consequence of my misconduct and conviction in Case No. 15 CR 3055. I understand the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) and the State Board 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 Commission or the State Board related to this surrender.

I acknowledge and understand that notice of my license revocation will be provided to all Kansas local education agencies and to the agency responsible for issuing educator licenses/certificates in each of the other states.

Steven Young
Signature

Steven Young
(Printed or typed name)

1754 Oxford Circle
(Street address)

Derby KS 67037
(City) (Zip)

VERIFICATION

STATE OF Kansas
COUNTY OF Sedgwick ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 26 day of Sept., 2016,
before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the county and state aforesaid, came
Steven Young, who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the within
Instrument and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and
year last above written.

Daniel Foster
Notary Public

My appointment expires:

Oct. 17, 2016

