

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of  
the License  
of Sandra Walsh

17-PPC-21

**FINAL ORDER**

NOW, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 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, Janet Waugh, and Ken Willard.

WHEREUPON the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) considered the matter on September 22, 2017. Sandra Walsh appeared not. The Kansas State Department of Education appeared through its attorney, Kelli M. Broers. After reviewing the evidence, the Commission voted 7 – 0, to recommend Ms. Walsh’s voluntary surrender of her license be accepted and her teaching license be revoked immediately.

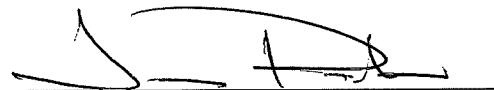
WHEREUPON the Board reviewed the Commission’s Initial Order and after considering the presentation by Linda Sieck, Commission Chair, who was available to answer the Board’s questions and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board adopted the Commission’s findings of fact and conclusions 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 Sandra Walsh’s voluntary surrender of her license is accepted and her teaching license is revoked immediately.

This Final Order is made and entered this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

Kansas State Board of Education



BY: Jim Porter, Chairman  
Signed November 28, 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

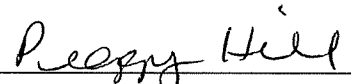
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Sandra Walsh  
8028 Lingle Lane  
Lenexa, Kansas 66215

And via interoffice mail to:

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

  
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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 Sandra Walsh

17-PPC-21

**INITIAL ORDER**

The above-captioned case comes before the Professional Practices Commission (Commission) of the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) upon Sandra Walsh's submission of a voluntary surrender of her teaching license for revocation.

The Commission reviewed this matter on September 22, 2017. Appearing for the Commission were Chairman Linda Sieck and members Laura Batson, Vici Jennings, John McKinney, Sylvia Ramirez, Maret Schrader, and Jessica Snider. Kelli Broers appeared as counsel for KSDE. Walsh did not appear.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Sandra Walsh holds a Kansas teaching license.
2. Walsh submitted a voluntarily surrender<sup>1</sup> of her Kansas teaching license because she allegedly engaged in an inappropriate, intimate relationship with a local high school student and because the South Carolina State Board of Education permanently revoked her South Carolina teaching license.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. 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).

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<sup>1</sup> The voluntary surrender is attached hereto.

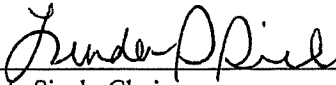
2. Under these circumstances, notice of the possible revocation of Walsh's license and the opportunity for her to have a hearing are not required to revoke her license. See K.A.R. 91-22-1a(h) (Before a license is revoked for any act described in K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a), the person shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing).

3. The State Board can revoke a Kansas teaching license if the licensee has had a license revoked in another jurisdiction on grounds similar to those for which a license could be revoked in Kansas. K.A.R. 91-22-1a(a)(13).

THEREFORE the Professional Practices Commission recommends to the State Board by a vote of 7 – 0 that Sandra Walsh's voluntary surrender of her license be accepted and her teaching license be revoked immediately.

This Initial Order is made and entered this September 22, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

  
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Linda Sieck, Chairperson  
Order signed on October 2, 2017.

## NOTICE

This Order is not a final order. The Kansas State Board of Education must review the order 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, 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.

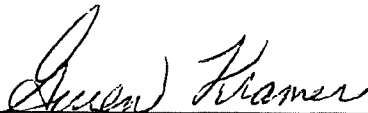
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2017, I filed a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing with the Secretary for the Kansas State Board of Education and I mailed one copy by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Sandra Walsh  
8028 Lingle Lane  
Lenexa, Kansas 66215

and via interoffice mail to:

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

  
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Gwen Kramer  
Secretary, Professional Practices Commission

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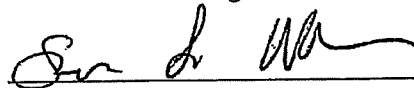
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VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

I, Sandra Walsh, hereby acknowledge that I voluntarily surrendered my South Carolina teaching license for permanent revocation after <sup>allegedly (sw)</sup> engaging in an inappropriate, intimate relationship with a 17-year-old <sup>sw) at a local high school</sup> student. As a result, the South Carolina State Board of Education entered the attached Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender. Exhibit A.

Now, I voluntarily surrender my Kansas professional teaching license (No. 2331864276) to the Kansas State Board of Education (State Board) for permanent revocation because <sup>allegedly (sw)</sup> I engaged in an inappropriate, intimate relationship with a <sup>local high school (sw)</sup> student and because the South Carolina State Board of Education permanently revoked my South Carolina teaching license. 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 including but not limited to judicial review.

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 via the NASDTEC Clearinghouse.

  
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Signature

Sandra Louise Walsh  
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(Printed or typed name)

8028 Lingle Lane  
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(Street address)

Lenexa                      66215  
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(City)                                      (Zip)

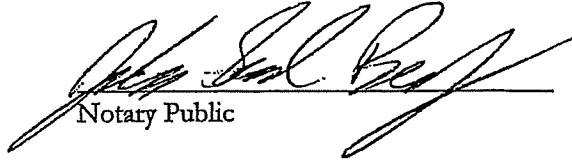
VERIFICATION

STATE OF South Carolina  
COUNTY OF Richland

ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2017,  
before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the county and state aforesaid, came  
Sandra Walsh, 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.

  
Notary Public

My appointment expires:

January 18, 2021

**JOHN SAMUEL BEALS**  
Notary Public, State of South Carolina  
(My Commission Expires 1/18/2021)



**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In the Matter of the Revocation or )  
Suspension of the Educator Certificate of )  
Sandra L. Walsh, )  
Certificate 246631 )

**ORDER OF PERMANENT  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

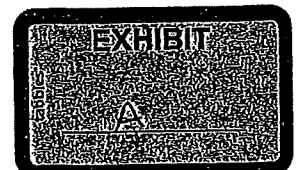
The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 11, 2017. On February 2, 2017 the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Ms. Walsh notice of possible action against her educator certificate. Ms. Walsh received the notice. Ms. Walsh, by and through counsel, informed the SCDE that she desires to waive her right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 246631, effective April 11, 2017.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Walsh was employed by the Beaufort County School District (District) as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts (School). On July 14, 2016, an incident report was filed with the Beaufort County Sherriff's Office alleging Ms. Walsh was engaged in an inappropriate, intimate relationship with a 17-year-old student of a local high school. Subsequently, Ms. Walsh resigned from her position with the District. Ms. Walsh has since moved back to her home state and does not plan on returning to South Carolina. No criminal charges have been brought.

Sandra L. Walsh 246631
SW
Initial Here
4-11-17
Date

Ms. Walsh agrees to the permanent surrender of her South Carolina educator certificate 246631 subject to the following conditions: (1) her educator certificate will become permanently invalid and permanently revoked immediately upon the approval by the State Board of the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender; (2) she has waived her right to a hearing and understands that the terms set forth are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and (3) she understands that the permanent surrender of her educator certificate will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and the NASDTEC Clearinghouse as a permanent voluntary surrender and permanent revocation.



**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

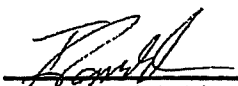
“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2016); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes “unprofessional conduct, immorality, any conduct involving moral turpitude and evident unfitness for position for which employed.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 2 S.C. Code Regs 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that Ms. Walsh, an elementary school teacher accused of inappropriate intimate contact with a 17 year old high school student and such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct, immorality, conduct involving moral turpitude and demonstrates evident unfitness for her teaching position for which she was employed.

Ms. Walsh does not oppose and accepts the State Board’s decision to approve the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender of her educator certificate 246631, issued under the name of Sandra L. Walsh, and accepts the permanent revocation and the rendering of permanent invalidity of Ms. Walsh’s educator certificate, effective April 11, 2017.

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender is accepted and the educator certificate of Sandra L. Walsh, certificate 246631, is hereby declared permanently invalid and permanently revoked. The permanent voluntary surrender and revocation of the educator certificate of Sandra L. Walsh, certificate 246631, shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

South Carolina State Board of Education


By:   
Ivan Randolph, Ph.D., Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
April 11, 2017

Sandra L. Walsh 246631
SW
Initial Here
4-11-17
Date

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Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender  
April 11, 2017  
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I, Sandra L. Walsh, S.C. Educator Certificate 246631, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of education certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the terms set forth in this Consent Agreement are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review; and I hereby freely, knowingly and voluntarily permanently surrender my educator certificate to the South Carolina State Board of Education. I hereby acknowledge that this permanent surrender shall have the same effect as a permanent revocation of my certificate. I knowingly forfeit and relinquish all right, title and privilege of holding myself out as and being able to practice as an educator in the public schools in the State of South Carolina. I agree that I will not serve or be employed as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, band teacher, coach, or in any other position in a public school in the State of South Carolina. I agree to the proposed Consent Order of Permanent Voluntary Surrender, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education on April 11, 2017.

  
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Sandra L. Walsh

4-11-17  
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Date