

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 216085

LEON TOLLEY

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Tennessee State Board of Education (Board) disposes of this matter as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Leon Tolley (“Respondent”) was licensed by the State Board of Education (“Board”) as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. During the 2013-2014 school year, Respondent was employed with Carter County Schools.
3. During the 2013-2014 school year, Respondent was a teacher at Hampton Elementary School.
4. On June 10, 2014, Respondent resigned following allegations of involvement with illegal prescription drugs on school premises.
5. Respondent was charged with two counts of theft in the Criminal Court for Carter County at Elizabethton, Tennessee, for which Respondent entered into pretrial diversion on August 21, 2014.
6. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to suspend his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent received notice and, through counsel, knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to a hearing and consented to a suspension of his teaching license concurrent with his probation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby suspends Respondent’s license concurrent with his probation. Reinstatement is contingent upon proof that Respondent has completed the terms of his sentence and paid all court costs.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.

Approved by the Board this 30th day of January, 2015.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY: *B. Fielding Rolston*
B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: *Sara Heyburn*
Dr. Sara Heyburn, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of February, 2015.

Phyllis E. Childress
NOTARY PUBLIC



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
January 9, 2016

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

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