

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **License No. 182497**
DEBRA SELLARS)

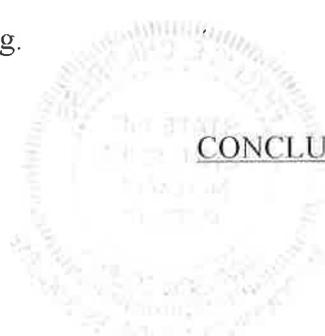
ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. In May 2015, the Board was notified of a 60 day suspension of Respondent’s Georgia teaching license.
2. Board rules allow the Board to revoke, suspend, or reprimand an educator’s license for a revocation, suspension, or reprimand in another jurisdiction for conduct that would justify such discipline in Tennessee.
3. Respondent’s Georgia license suspension was based on dishonesty during an investigation.
4. Such conduct would constitute good cause in Tennessee.
5. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is “unclaimed” is sufficient evidence of the addressee's refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW



Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for revocation, suspension, or reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(2).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby suspends Respondent's license concurrent to the underlying suspension in another jurisdiction. 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 23rd day of October, 2015.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

Fielding Rolston

BY:

B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

Sara Heyburn

ATTEST:

Dr. Sara Heyburn, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 04th day of Feb., 2015.

Phyllis E. Childress

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