

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 000172099

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WALTER HITE

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CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Tennessee State Board of Education ("Board") and Walter Hite ("Respondent"), this matter is disposed of, pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3) and (5) as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed educator in the State of Tennessee.
2. On May 2, 2018, the Dickson County Board of Education reported that, on April 25, 2018, Respondent engaged in a breach of standardized test security guidelines.
3. Specifically, Respondent issued calculators to students during an administration of the Biology End of Course exam in violation of the applicable security guidelines.
4. Respondent was suspended by the Dickson County Board of Education for one (1) day without pay on May 1, 2018.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of her license pursuant to Board Rules 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), 0520-02-03-.09(3)(h), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(4)(i), and 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(4)(ii).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby orders, and Respondent agrees to the following:

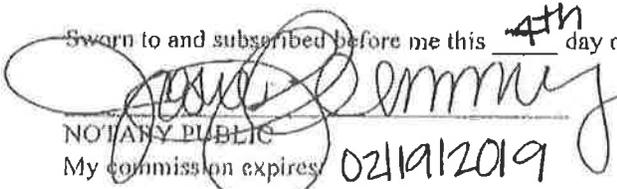
1. Respondent's Tennessee educator license shall be **retroactively suspended for three (3) months**. The period of suspension begins on April 25, 2018, and ends on July 25, 2018.
2. Approval of this Consent Order by the Board shall in no way be construed as condoning the Respondent's conduct and shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the lawful rights possessed by the Board.
3. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.
4. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
5. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and that he understands its contents.

6. Respondent understands that there is a right to a hearing in this matter, and Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order.
7. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
8. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order.
9. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order, once approved, shall constitute a public record that may be disseminated as a disciplinary action of the Board, which includes, but is not limited to reporting this action to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Educator and Certification ("NASDTEC") and posting on the Board website pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-1-302(p), (q).
10. If this Consent Order is not approved by the Board, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter.
11. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:


Walter Hite
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 2019.


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My commission expires 02/19/2019



Approved by the Board this 31st day of May, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison
Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of May, 2019.



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

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1399 Halliburton
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