

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 000703981

ALICE POLONSKY

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CONSENT ORDER

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Respondent was a licensed educator in the State of Tennessee.
2. During the 2018-2019 school year, Respondent was employed by Shelby County Schools ("SCS") and was a teacher at Brownsville Elementary School.
3. SCS reported to the Board that, during November 2018, Respondent engaged in inappropriate physical contact and inappropriate communications with a student.
4. Specifically, Respondent is alleged to have called a student a derogatory name and hit him in the head with a piece of paper.
5. Respondent was suspended for one (1) day by SCS on December 5, 2018, based upon the allegations stated herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for suspension of her license pursuant to Board Rules 0520-02-03-.09(3)(e), 0520-02-03-.09(3)(g), 0520-02-03-.09(3)(h), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(5)(i), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(5)(ii), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(6)(i), 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(6)(ii), and 0520-02-03-.09(5)(a)(8).

1. Respondent's Tennessee educator license shall be suspended for six (6) months, from the effective date of this order.
2. Respondent shall submit proof of her completion of an anger management program or professional development course prior to the reinstatement of her Tennessee educator license.
3. Respondent has agreed that she will 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, during the period of suspension.
4. 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

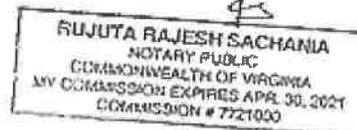
5. This Consent Order shall not become effective until approved by the Board.
6. Respondent must always answer affirmatively to the question on licensure applications regarding having been suspended, denied, or revoked.
7. Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and that she understands its contents.
8. 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.
9. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
10. 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.
11. 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).
12. 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.
13. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

CONSENTED TO:


Alice Polonsky
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 13 day
of August, 2019.


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My commission expires: Apr 30, 2021



Approved by the Board this 15th day of November, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY:



Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST:



Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of November, 2019.



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

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Herndon, VA 20171