

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 525229

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GREGORY MATTHEWS

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ORDER OF FORMAL REPRIMAND

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Gregory Matthews ("Respondent") was licensed by the State Board of Education ("Board") as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. Respondent resigned from Shelby County Schools after he was allegedly caught on video sitting on a student while choking him.
3. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board's intent to revoke his license based upon these findings, and of his right to a hearing. Respondent, through counsel, agreed to a formal reprimand of his Tennessee teaching license, with the requirement that he complete behavioral intervention training within one (1) year from the effective date of the Agreed Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby formally reprimands Respondent's license pursuant to the attached letter. A copy of the letter shall also be included in Respondent's personnel file.

Approved by the Board this 31st day of October, 2014.

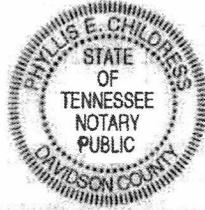
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BY: *B. Fielding Rolston*
B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: *Gary L. Nixon*
Dr. Gary L. Nixon, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of November, 2014.

Phyllis E. Childers
NOTARY PUBLIC



After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address: MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: January 7, 2016

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