December 11, 2014

Mr. Kevin Jones,

Re: Revocation of Educator License with Stipulations
ELS(PARA) ID # 2158854 & TASN Approval

Dear Mr. Jones:

The State Superintendent of Education has revoked your Educator License with Stipulations ELS(PARA) ID # 2158854 & TASN Approval pursuant to Section 21B-75 of the School Code. A copy of the Superintendent’s Order is enclosed for your information.

Regards,

Angela Wartowski
Investigator

Enclosure: Order

cc: Kellee Sullivan (via email)
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing Order by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, via certified mail, postage prepaid, on December 11, 2014, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

Kevin Jones

[Redacted]

I further certify that I served the foregoing referenced documents via electronic mail, on December 11, 2014, on the following at the address shown:

Kellee Sullivan, Secretary
State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board
100 North 1st St.
Springfield, IL 62777
ksullivan@isbe.net

Angela Wartowski, Investigator
Illinois State Board of Education
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE
REVOCATION OF EDUCATOR LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS &
& TASN APPROVAL OF
KEVIN JONES
ELS(PARA) #2158854

ORDER

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, being charged with the authority and responsibility for revoking licenses to teach in the State of Illinois, finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS on November 3, 2014, a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Statement of Charges was issued to Licensee ("KEVIN JONES"), the provisions of which are hereby incorporated into this Order, recommending that his Educator License with Stipulations and TASN Approval be revoked for unprofessional and immoral conduct in violation of Section 21B-75 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-75);

WHEREAS Section 21B-75 of the School Code states that "if the State Superintendent of Education does not receive from an individual a request for a hearing within 10 days after the individual receives notice, the suspension or revocation shall immediately take effect in accordance with the notice;"

WHEREAS THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION did not receive from KEVIN JONES a request for hearing within 10 days of KEVIN JONES' receipt of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Statement of Charges;

WHEREAS, KEVIN JONES' failure to timely request a hearing results in the sanction recommended by the State Superintendent being imposed as a matter of law;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT Educator License with Stipulations ELS(PARA) ID # 2158854 and TASN Approval of Kevin Jones be hereby revoked, effective as of the date of this Order.

This is a final administrative determination and is subject to review pursuant to provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and 105 ILCS 5/21B-90.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield, Illinois, this 9th day of December, 2014.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION OF THE EDUCATOR LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS OF KEVIN JONES ELS (PARA) ID #2158854 & TASN APPROVAL

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

You are advised that your Professional Educator License is subject to revocation pursuant to Section 218-75 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-75), based on conduct alleged in the attached Statement of Charges. Section 21B-75 of the School Code provides that any license may be suspended or revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (SEPLB), upon evidence of immorality or unprofessional conduct. You are entitled to a hearing pursuant to Part 475 of Title 23 Illinois Administrative Code, before the SEPLB before action is taken to revoke your license.

Pursuant to 23 Ill. Admin. Code 475.40, if you wish to contest the charges in the enclosed Statement of Charges or the recommended sanction, you are hereby advised that you must request a hearing in writing within 10 days of receipt of this Notice. A request for a hearing must be addressed to:

Dr. Christopher A. Koch
State Superintendent of Education
Illinois State Board of Education
100 N. First Street
Springfield IL 62777

A hearing officer will be appointed and will contact you with further information. If you do request a hearing before the SEPLB, such hearing will be held in accordance with the administrative rules governing hearings at 23 Ill. Admin. Code Part 475.

If you do not wish to contest the charges in the attached Statement of Charges or the recommended sanction, you do not have to request a hearing, and the recommended sanction will be imposed. You will receive an Order explaining the sanction that has been imposed. The sanction will begin as of the date of that Order.
You are further advised that any license may be voluntarily surrendered by the license holder pursuant to Section 21B-45 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-45). A licensee may choose to surrender his or her license to avoid the administrative hearing process. A voluntarily surrendered license is considered a revoked license. Should you elect to take that course, I am enclosing a Voluntary Surrender of License form. This form must be signed before a notary public.

Upon final order of the SEPLB or State Superintendent Koch to suspend or revoke a license, the SEPLB or its designee shall report the final disposition of the license holder to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC).

Please contact Investigator Angela Wartowski at (312) 814-3995 if you have any questions.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D
State Superintendent of Education

Dated at Springfield, Illinois, this 29th day of October, 2014.

Enclosures
STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION
OF THE EDUCATOR LICENSE WITH
STIPULATIONS OF KEVIN JONES
ELS (PARA) ID #2158854 &
TASN APPROVAL

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

The Illinois State Superintendent of Education hereby approves the following charges and incorporates these charges as part of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued to Kevin Jones ("Respondent"), holder of Educator License with Stipulations ELS (PARA) ID # 2158854 and TASN Approval.

Material Allegations
1. On November 1, 2012, Respondent was hired to coach the boys’ basketball team at Epic Academy, a charter high school located in Chicago, Illinois.
2. On January 17, 2013, Respondent offered two seventeen year old female students, L.R. and T.D., a ride home from a basketball game.
3. Respondent drove past L.R.’s home and told her that they were all going to hang out.
4. Respondent parked his car at the 8500 block of Green Bay Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. Once the car was parked, Respondent got into the back seat with both of the girls.
5. Respondent attempted to put his arm around L.R. and told her to relax. L.R. rebuffed his advances.
6. Respondent then took out his penis and T.D. started to perform oral sex on Respondent.
7. L.R. left the car and called a friend to pick her up.
8. On January 18, 2013, Respondent was terminated by Epic Academy.
9. On March 26, 2013, Respondent was indicated by the Department of Family and Child Services for sexual penetration and sexual exploitation, and did not appeal.

Violations
10. Respondent’s conduct as outlined in the material allegations establishes gross unprofessional and immoral behavior that precludes him/her from continuing to hold a teaching license issued by the State of Illinois.
11. Respondents conduct violated Section 21B-75 of the Illinois School Code [105 ILCS 5/21B-75] which provides that any license may be suspended or revoked by the State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board upon evidence of unprofessional or immoral conduct.

WHEREFORE, based on the aforesaid violations, the Superintendent recommends that Educator License With Stipulations ELS (PARA) ID #2158854 and TASN Approval held by Kevin Jones be revoked for his immoral and unprofessional conduct.
PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing Notice of Opportunity for Hearing by depositing copies thereof in the United States Mail, via certified mail, postage prepaid, on November 3, 2014, addressed to the following at the addresses shown:

Kevin Jones

Angela Wartowski, Investigator
Illinois State Board of Education
ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVOCATION OF THE EDUCATOR LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS OF KEVIN JONES ELS (PARA) ID #2158854 & TASN APPROVAL

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

WHEREAS Section 21B-45 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/21B-45) provides that any license may be voluntarily surrendered by the licensee:

WHEREAS Section 21B-45 further provides that a voluntarily surrendered license shall be treated as a revoked license:

WHEREAS 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 requires that all other states and possessions of the United States must be notified when a license is revoked in Illinois:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned KEVIN JONES hereby knowingly, willfully and voluntarily surrenders his Professional Educator License and consents to its revocation subject to the notice provisions of 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.410 set forth above.

KEVIN JONES
Licensee

Signed and sworn before me this ___ day of __________, 2014.

Notary Public