

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE LICENSE TO TEACH OF KAREN BOWYER, CASE # HR 14-101	February 2015
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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Mo. Rev. Stat. §168.071 (2013) authorizes the State Board of Education to discipline certificates of license to teach, which includes the authority to resolve issues by consent agreement or agreed settlement or voluntary surrender of the certificate of license. 5 CSR 20-400.230 provides that the state board of education may accept a voluntary surrender or informally settle a case through a consent agreement or agreed settlement.

Karen Bowyer holds a career continuous professional certificate in the areas of social science (9-12), social science (5-9), and language arts (5-9). On December 9, 2014, Ms. Bowyer was convicted of a class C misdemeanor offense of Assault in the Third Degree. As part of the disposition of the criminal charge, the court ordered Ms. Bowyer to surrender her certificate of license to teach. Ms. Bowyer has signed a statement of surrender waiving all procedural rights regarding revocation of her certificate of license to teach.

PRESENTER(S):

Department Legal Counsel will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept Karen Bowyer’s statement of surrender and revoke her certificate in disposition of her criminal conviction.