

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**

**October 2015**

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
LICENSE TO TEACH OF JOSHUA G. CHISM, CASE # HR 14-071**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

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**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

**SUMMARY:**

Joshua Chism holds a career continuous professional certificate of license to teach in the areas of Vocal and Instrumental Music, grades K–12. Mr. Chism held a substitute certificate of license to teach that expired on August 1, 2014.

Mr. Chism is currently employed as a vocal music teacher at Richland R-IV School District (Richland).

Mr. Chism was employed as a music instructor at Summersville R-II School District (Summersville) during the 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 school years. Mr. Chism was employed as band director at Greenfield R-IV School District (Greenfield) during the 2012–2013 school year.

Mr. Chism appropriated numerous music- and band-related items and equipment belonging to Summersville when he moved to Greenfield. Mr. Chism personally returned most of the items totaling thousands of dollars to Summersville when it was discovered he had them.

A written inventory of Greenfield’s band-related items and costs, indicated \$1,437.88 was unaccounted for. Per his attorney’s advice, Mr. Chism wrote a check to Greenfield covering the costs of the unaccounted for items. Greenfield suspended Mr. Chism with pay for the remainder of his contract.

Richland, Mr. Chism’s current employer, is aware of the complaint against him. The district has not found any irregularities in regard to Mr. Chism’s accounts, and does not have any concerns with his performance. The Richland board unanimously renewed his contract for the 2015–2016 school year.

Mr. Chism was present at the hearing and represented by counsel, David Moen.

**PRESENTER:**

William R. Thornton, General Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education suspend Respondent's teaching certificate from May 31, 2016 through July 31, 2016 pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).