

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:** **March 2015**  
 CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
 LICENSE TO TEACH OF CASEY J. GIACOMO, CASE # HR 14-067

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

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**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

**SUMMARY:**

Casey J. Giacomo, Respondent, holds an Initial Professional Class Certificate of license to teach in the area of Biology and Chemistry grades 9–12.

Respondent was a teacher in the Perry County School District for two years and signed a probationary contract to teach during the 2014-2015 school year.

Classes for the 2014-2015 school year began on August 14, 2014. Teachers were required to report for work beginning August 11, 2014.

In a letter dated August 5, 2014, from Respondent to the District Superintendent, Respondent resigned her position with the District. Respondent did not report to the District for work on August 11, 2014 or any time thereafter.

In August, the Perry County School District Board of Education voted to pursue disciplinary action against Respondent’s certificate of license to teach. The President of the Board signed an attested resolution of the Board authorizing the superintendent to prefer charges against Respondent possibly leading to the revocation of the certificate of the license to teach.

Scott Ireland was the superintendent of schools for the Perry County School District during the 2014–2015 school year.

On August 26, 2014, a Statement of Charges signed by Mr. Ireland and a certified resolution of the Perry County School Board was sent to Dr. Chris Nicastro seeking revocation of Respondent’s teaching certification.

On November 24, 2014, a hearing was held before Cynthia Quetsch, the designated Hearing Officer. The Respondent was present personally and represented through counsel.

**PRESENTER(S):**

Department legal counsel will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Respondent signed a contract with Perry County School District and then sought to annul it for reasons other than election to the general assembly and without consent from the school board. It is recommended that Respondent's certificate of license to teach be suspended for a period of two (2) years commencing on August 11, 2014.