

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: October 2016

**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF COLLEEN MARIE JONES, CASE # HR 16-003**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent Item Action Item Report Item

DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Colleen Marie Jones holds a career continuous professional certificate of license to teach in the area of Elementary Education, grades 1–8. She held an initial administrator’s certificate in the area of Principal, grades K–8, which has expired.

Ms. Jones is a tenured elementary teacher in the Columbia 93 School District.

On July 13, 2015, Ms. Jones pled guilty to the Misdemeanor, Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident and to the Misdemeanor, Driving While Intoxicated. While driving under the influence of alcohol, Ms. Jones ran her vehicle into a parked car causing damage to the car. Ms. Jones left the scene of the accident without providing sufficient information by which she could be identified and located by the owner of the damaged car or by the police.

Ms. Jones received a suspended execution of sentence (SES) and was placed on two years of unsupervised probation. Conditions of Ms. Jones’ probation included three days shock time in jail, suspension of her driver’s license until August 18, 2016, participation in a Victim Impact Panel (VIP), and participation in a Substance Abuse Traffic Offender Program (SATOP). Ms. Jones’ probation is scheduled to end on July 13, 2017.

Ms. Jones was present at the hearing and was represented by Attorney Rochelle Skolnick.

PRESENTER:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education take no action against Ms. Jones’ certificate pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).