

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**May 2016**

CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF BRADLEY L. MATHERS, CASE # HR 16-019

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
ItemReport
Item**DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:**

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

SUMMARY:

Mo. Rev. Stat. §168.071 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.

Bradley L. Mathers holds a lifetime certificate of license to teach in the areas of Vocal and Instrumental Music, grades K-12.

On March 31, 2016, a judgment was entered against Mr. Mathers in the Circuit Court of Atchison County, Missouri finding him guilty of the Misdemeanor, Assault-3rd Degree. As part of the disposition of the criminal charges, Mr. Mathers agreed to surrender his certificate of license to teach. Mr. Mathers signed a statement of surrender waiving all procedural rights regarding revocation of his certificate of license to teach.

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 accept Mr. Mathers' statement of surrender and revoke his teaching certificate in disposition of his criminal conviction.