

**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:****December 2015**

CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE  
LICENSE TO TEACH OF L. RUDOLPH PAPENFUHS, CASE # HR 15-017

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

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

Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.

**SUMMARY:**

L. Rudolph Papenfuhs holds a certificate of license to teach and an administrator's license. Mr. Papenfuhs' certificates are current, but he is not currently employed in the education field.

On September 24, 2014, Todd Schuetz, Superintendent of Smithville Schools, issued a statement of charges against Mr. Papenfuhs. The charges allege that Mr. Papenfuhs willfully and persistently violated the Board policies on staff conduct and staff-student relations and presented a list of incidents in support of the allegations.

On October 16, 2014, Mr. Papenfuhs and the Smithville School District entered into a Separation Agreement and Release, which states that the agreement is not an inference, admission, concession of any liability, or wrongdoing by either party. Mr. Papenfuhs tendered his resignation.

On October 16, 2014, Mr. Papenfuhs and the Smithville School District issued a joint statement regarding the statement of charges. The statement sets forth facts that demonstrate Mr. Papenfuhs violated Board policies as it relates to the failure to maintain boundaries with students.

Mr. Papenfuhs admits he violated the technical terms of the Board policies.

Mr. Papenfuhs was present at the hearing and represented by counsel.

**PRESENTER:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education take no action against Mr. Papenfuhs' teaching certificate pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (Supp. 2014).