

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: December 2018**CONSIDERATION TO DISCIPLINE THE
LICENSE TO TEACH OF ADAM SMITH, CASE # HR 17-022****STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 168.071, RSMo

Consent
ItemAction
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Item**STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

Teachers and Leaders – Prepare, develop and support educators to ensure an effective teacher in every classroom and an effective leader in every school.

SUMMARY

Adam Smith holds a continuous career education certificate (CCEC) of license to teach in the area of Construction/Building Technology, grades S-P. Mr. Smith also had certificates of license to teach that expired in 2010, 2012 and 2016.

Mr. Smith was employed as a tenured teacher and middle school wrestling coach with Moberly School District (district) during the 2016-17 school year. He signed a contract to teach for the 2017-18 school year, but left 20 days after the start of school to accept employment in the private sector.

On March 21, 2017, a binding permanent teacher's contract was executed between Mr. Smith and the district for the 2017-18 school year. On August 28, 2017, 12 days after the start of school, Mr. Smith requested to be released from his contract. The district informed him he would be recommended for release to the school board provided he paid liquidated damages per the district policy. Mr. Smith proceeded to abandon his contract on September 5 when he left the district without paying damages.

Mr. Smith was neither present at the hearing nor was he represented through counsel.

PRESENTER

Kristen A. Morrow, Legal Counsel, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the State Board of Education suspend Adam Smith's certificates for two years pursuant to its authority under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.071 (2016).