

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex. rel. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,)	
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Applicant,)	
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vs.)	2019-3
)	
JAYSON D LARREMORE,)	
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Respondent.)	

FINAL ORDER

On October 15, 2020, the above-entitled matter came for hearing before the Administrative Law Judge, Gay Abston Tudor, pursuant to assignment from the State Board of Education (the “Board”). Now, on this 17th day of December, 2020, the Board voted to accept the proposed order to revoke the Oklahoma teaching certificate and certificate number of Respondent, Jayson Larremore (“Larremore”).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. Larremore holds a valid Oklahoma teaching certificate (the “Certificate”), number 215850.
2. Larremore is currently certified to in the following areas: 1) Elementary principal, Pre-K through Grade 8, 2) Art, Pre-K through Grade 12, 3) US History/OK History/Government/Economics Grades 5 through 12, 4) World History/Geography Grades 5 to 12.
3. Larremore was most recently employed as a Principal at Kiefer Public Schools and Depew Public Schools (the “District”).
4. On February 6, 2019, Larremore was charged in the District Court of Sapulpa County, State of Oklahoma, with the felonious act of Child Sexual Abuse 21 O.S. § 843.5(E). *See* Information, attached to original Application as Exhibit “A.”

5. According to the Probable Cause Affidavit filed in the above-referenced proceeding, on or between the 1st day of December, 2014 and the 31st day of December, 2014 the Creek County Sheriff's Office received an initial report of sexual abuse of a minor child. *See* Probable Cause Affidavit, attached to original Application as Exhibit "B."

6. The victim, Lillian Myers reported to officers she had been sexually abused by her uncle, Jayson Larremore spanning several years of her childhood. Myers recalls the abuse starting when she was 8 and continuing until she was approximately 16.

7. Myers recounts the last time she was assaulted occurred when she was 16 sometime in December of 2016. While staying the night in her uncle Jayson Larremore's home, with his wife and child asleep in the room next door, the defendant entered the room in which Myers was sleeping late at night. Myers states that Larremore, inserted his fingers into her vagina. Larremore continued to rub her vagina with his hand and use his tongue to lick her vagina. Myers recalls Larremore, getting up and leaving the room when it was over. Roughly two years ago, the victim disclosed the abuse to her aunt, Dana Hendrix.

8. Following Myers disclosing the abuse, the victim's father stated that they chose to handle the issue within the family and not notify law enforcement at that time. In January of 2019, the victim informed law enforcement herself.

9. On February 28, 2019, the Applicant, Oklahoma State Department of Education, filed an Application to Suspend and Revoke the Certificate of Larremore. *See* Application, on file herein. The Application was sent to Larremore on February 26, 2019. On February 28, 2019, an Emergency Order granting the same was entered, and sent to Larremore on March 4, 2019. *See* Emergency Order, on file herein.

10. Notice of a hearing on the Application scheduled for October 15, 2020, was sent to Larremore on September 1, 2020. *See* Notice of Hearing, on file herein. Further, Applicant sent its proposed witness and exhibit list, with exhibits, to Respondent on September 30, 2020. *See* Witness and Exhibit List, on file herein.

11. Larremore did not respond to any of the above pleadings and furnished no witness or exhibit list within the time period provided by rule OAC 210:1-5-6.

12. On the 15th day of October, 2020, the above-entitled matter came for hearing on the Application before the Administrative Law Judge, Gay Abston Tudor, pursuant to assignment from the Board. Larremore did not appear at the hearing on October 15, 2020.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Board is vested with the general authority to provide for the health and safety of schoolchildren while under the jurisdiction of school authorities. *See* 70 O.S. § 3-104(17).

2. That Title 70 O.S. § 3-104(6) provides:

The supervision of the public school system of Oklahoma shall be vested in the State Board of Education and, subject to limitations otherwise provided by law, the State Board of Education shall...[h]ave authority in matters pertaining to the licensure and certification of persons for instructional, supervisory and administrative positions and services in the public schools of the state...and shall formulate rules governing the issuance and revocation of certificates....

3. The Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 250 *et seq.*, governs the State Board's administrative actions relating to teacher disciplinary matters. *See* 75 O.S. § 250.3(3). More specifically, 75 O.S. § 314(C)(2) provides:

If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.
See 75 O.S. § 314.

4. Further, 75 O.S. § 314.1 provides:

As authorized by or pursuant to law, if an agency finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, has promulgated administrative rules which provide for such action and incorporates a finding regarding the emergency in its order, emergency actions may be ordered pending the final outcome of proceedings instituted . . .

5. The Board's rules in OAC 210:1-5-6(e) provides:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 314.1, in the event the State Board of Education finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the State Board of Education may issue an emergency order summarily suspending a certificate pending an individual proceeding for revocation or other action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined. Such an order shall include specific findings of fact specifying the grounds for the emergency action. Within three (3) business days of the issuance of the order by the Board, a copy of the order shall be sent to the holder of the certificate via certified or registered mail, delivery restricted to the certificate holder, with return receipt requested.

Oklahoma law and Board rules provide that a certificate shall be revoked for a “willful violation of a rule or regulation of the State Board of Education, a willful violation of any federal or state law...or for other proper cause.” *See* 70 O.S. § 6-189(F); *see also* OAC 210:1-5-6(b).

6. Further, the Board's rules provide that “[t]eachers are charged with the education of the youth of this State. In order to perform effectively, teachers must demonstrate a belief in the worth and dignity of each human being, recognizing the supreme importance of the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence, and the nurture of democratic principles.” *See* OAC 210:20-29-1(b). (Emphasis added).

7. Additionally, the Board's rules, at OAC 210:20-29-4, provide:

- a. The teaching profession is vested by the public with a trust and responsibility requiring the highest ideals of professional service.
- b. In order to assure that the quality of the services of the teaching profession meets the expectations of the State and its citizens, the teacher shall exert every effort to raise professional standards, fulfill professional responsibilities with honor and integrity, promote a climate that encourages the exercise of professional judgment, achieve conditions which attract persons worthy of the trust to careers in education, and assist in preventing the practice of the profession by unqualified persons.

8. It has been held by Oklahoma courts that “a teacher...in the public school system is regarded by the public and pupils in the light of an exemplar, whose words and actions are likely to be followed by

the children coming under her care and protection.” *Vaughn v. Board of Bar Examiners for the Oklahoma Bar Association*, 1988 OK 87, 759 P.2d 1026, 1030. The teaching profession, not unlike the legal profession, imposes a code of ethics upon its members. *Id.* That based upon the information and evidence presented, and the foregoing authority, proper cause exists to revoke the Teaching Certificate and certification number 215850 of Jayson Larremore.

9. Larremore was properly served with notice of the hearing on the Application.

10. Larremore failed to appear at the hearing on the Application. Board rules state that if the holder of the certificate fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Board or hearing officer shall hold the party in default and issue an order sustaining the allegations set forth in the application for revocation. OAC 210: 1-5-6 (g)(1)(C).

11. WHEREFORE, based on the evidence presented and considered, in light of the foregoing, the teaching certificate and certification number of Respondent, Jayson Larremore, number 215850 is hereby revoked, effective December 17, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Joy Hofmeister
Chairperson of Oklahoma State Board of Education

