

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
THE CERTIFICATE OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
YURY TAYLOR : ORDER OF REVOCATION  
\_\_\_\_\_ : DOCKET NO: 1213-142

At its meeting of January 25, 2013, the State Board of Examiners reviewed information the staff of the Office of Certification and Induction had forwarded regarding Yury Taylor. On July 10, 2010, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing revoked Taylor's teaching certificates there as a result of allegations that he molested a third grade student. Taylor never responded to the allegations, resigned his position and fled the United States.

Taylor currently holds a Teacher of Elementary School certificate, issued in November 1990. Upon review of the above information, at its meeting of February 28, 2013, the Board voted to issue Taylor an Order to Show Cause as to why his certificate should not be revoked.

The Board sent Taylor the Order to Show Cause by regular and certified mail on March 4, 2013. The Order provided that Taylor had 30 days to respond. Both copies were returned as undeliverable. The Board could not secure a current address for Taylor and, accordingly, the Order was published in the New Jersey Star Ledger on August 30 and September 6, 2013. Taylor did not file a response to that notice. Thereafter a second notice was published in the Star Ledger on February 13 and 14, 2014. Taylor did not file a response to the second notice.

Thereafter, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.7(e)*, on September 5, 2014, the Board published a hearing notice in the Star Ledger, providing Taylor with the opportunity to file a written submission on the issue of whether his conduct provided just cause for the Board to take action against his certificate and, if so, the appropriate sanction. In addition, he was offered the

opportunity to appear before the Board to provide testimony on the sanction issue. Once again, Taylor did not respond.

The threshold issue before the Board in this matter, therefore, is whether Taylor's conduct and the revocation of his California teaching certificates constitute conduct unbecoming a certificate holder. Since Taylor never responded to the Order to Show Cause, at its meeting of December 12, 2014, the Board had only the allegations contained in the Order to Show Cause to consider. The Board determined that no material facts related to Taylor's offense were in dispute since he did not deny that he had engaged in the alleged conduct or that his California teaching certificate had been revoked. Thus, the Board determined that summary decision was appropriate in this matter. *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.7(h)*. It is therefore ORDERED that the charges in the Order to Show Cause are deemed admitted for the purpose of this proceeding.

The Board must now determine whether Taylor's conduct as set forth in the Order to Show Cause, represents just cause to act against his certificate pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.5*. The Board finds that it does.

The Board may revoke or suspend the certification of any certificate holder on the basis of demonstrated inefficiency, incapacity, conduct unbecoming a teacher or other just cause. *N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-4.5*. "Teachers ... are professional employees to whom the people have entrusted the care and custody of ... school children. This heavy duty requires a degree of self-restraint and controlled behavior rarely requisite to other types of employment." *Tenure of Sammons*, 1972 *S.L.D.* 302, 321. Moreover, unfitness to hold a position in a school system may be shown by one incident, if sufficiently flagrant. *Redcay v. State Bd. of Educ.*, 130 *N.J.L.* 369, 371 (1943), *aff'd*, 131 *N.J.L.* 326 (E & A 1944). In this matter, Taylor's conduct in molesting a third grade student leaves no doubt that he is unfit to be a teacher. The licensing authorities in

California thought so and this Board agrees. The Board therefore concludes that the only appropriate response to Taylor's breach is the revocation of his teaching certificate.

Accordingly, on December 12, 2014, the Board voted to revoke Yury Taylor's Teacher of Elementary School certificate. On this 23rd day of January 2015 the Board voted to adopt its formal written decision and it is therefore ORDERED that the revocation of Taylor's certificate be effective immediately. It is further ORDERED that Taylor return his certificate to the Secretary of the State Board of Examiners, Office of Licensure, P.O. Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 within 30 days of the mailing date of this decision.

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Robert R. Higgins, Secretary  
State Board of Examiners

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Appeals may be made to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-38.4.

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