

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
STATE OF NEBRASKA

Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.	)	NDE Case No. 22-01
Commissioner of Education	)	
P.O. Box 94933	)	
Lincoln, NE 68509-4933,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	<b>FINAL ORDER</b>
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Jacob Jadowski	)	
6733 Woodbine Circle	)	
Ralston, NE 68127,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

This matter came before the State Board of Education ("State Board"), Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 27, 2023, upon the recommendation of the Nebraska Professional Practices Commission ("NPPC") that the public Nebraska teaching certificate of Respondent, Jacob Jadowski, be revoked for a period of three years effective April 15, 2020. In accordance with Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 28, § 003.07A, the NPPC is required to review and make a recommendation on any settlement agreement entered into by the Commissioner which imposes a revocation if a petition has been filed with the NPPC. The parties were notified of the State Board's consideration in this matter. Appearing before the State Board was Tamra L. Walz, General Counsel, on behalf of the Commissioner of Education. NPPC Clerk Kelly Muthersbaugh appeared and provided a summary of the NPPC's recommendation in this matter. Attorney Peder Bartling appeared on behalf of Respondent.

The record of the NPPC proceeding, containing the "Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation of the Commission," and all of the pleadings, exhibits

(including the "Settlement Agreement for Revocation of Certificate," dated March 16, 2023 ("Settlement Agreement")), and written transcript of the NPPC hearing, was received by the State Board into evidence as "Exhibit 1." The Notice of Disposition and the certified mail return receipt were received into evidence as "Exhibit 2." Upon its independent review of the entire record, the State Board finds, concludes, and orders as follows:

1. The State Board has jurisdiction in this case pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-866(2) (2014);

2. The Petitioner is Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D., Commissioner of Education, P.O. Box 94933, Lincoln, NE 68509-4933;

3. The Respondent is Jacob Jadowski, 6733 Woodbine Circle, Ralston, NE 68127;

4. The Respondent holds a public Nebraska Standard teaching certificate number 2019006776, endorsed in Social Science 7-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2024;

5. The Respondent was employed as a teacher and coach by Gretna Public Schools ("Gretna") beginning with the 2014-2015 school year until his resignation was accepted by the Gretna School Board on February 24, 2020;

6. In February 2020, Gretna administration discovered that the Respondent had communicated excessively with female students via text message, which were noneducational and personal in nature. The Respondent exchanged nearly 3,000 plus text messages in total with several female students. A large number of the communications occurred during the school day when students were in class and Respondent was responsible for teaching classes, as well as late at night (e.g., 11:00

p.m.). The text messages were not sexual in nature but were personal and had almost nothing to do with school or sports. The Respondent admitted to not keeping appropriate boundaries with said students;

7. The Respondent has violated Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-866(2) (2014), which states, in pertinent part: “The board may, for just cause, revoke or suspend any teacher’s or administrator’s certificate. Violation of the standards established pursuant to this section, commission of an immoral act, or conviction of a felony under the laws of this state shall constitute just cause for the revocation or suspension of a teacher’s or administrator’s certificate by the board.”; and Title 92, *Nebraska Administrative Code*, Chapter 27, Section 004.02E (effective date: November 12, 2003) (“the educator: Shall not exploit professional relationships with students, colleagues, parents, school patrons, or school board members for personal gain or private advantage”); Section 004.03C (same effective date) (“the educator: Shall make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions which interfere with the learning process or are harmful to health or safety”); and Section 004.03D (same effective date) (“the educator: Shall conduct professional educational activities in accordance with sound educational practices that are in the best interest of the student”);

8. Based on the stipulated facts in the Settlement Agreement, just cause exists pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-866(2) (2014) to revoke the Respondent’s certificate for a period of three years; and

9. The public Nebraska Standard teaching certificate of Jacob Jadowski, number 2019006776, endorsed in Social Science 7-12, with an expiration date of August 31, 2024, shall be revoked for a period of three years effective April 15, 2020. In

accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Respondent shall complete professional boundaries with students training and consult with a professional on how to maintain and respect boundaries with students/minors prior to any reinstatement of his teaching certificate.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BY:   
Patti Gubbels, President

The vote by the State Board of Education to approve the Final Order in Case No. 22-01, on June 27, 2023, was 8 in favor, \_\_\_\_\_ against, \_\_\_\_\_ abstaining, and \_\_\_\_\_ absent. Individual State Board members voted as follows:

IN FAVOR: D. Neary, P. Gubbels, J. Morrison, P. Koch Johns, L. Fricke, K. Penner,  
E. Tegtmeier, S. Jones

AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Final Order was served upon counsel for the Respondent, Peder Bartling, Bartling Law Offices, PC, LLO, 209 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500, Omaha, NE 68102, by regular U.S. Mail; Kelly Muthersbaugh, NPPC Clerk, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, Lincoln, NE 68509, via interoffice mail; and Tamra L. Walz, General Counsel, Nebraska Department of Education, 500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lincoln, NE 68510-2611, via interoffice mail, all on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tara B. Sykes", is written over a horizontal line.

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