

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

January 25, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of Eric Cuestas-Thompson, C-2005-100

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** January 7, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Eric Cuestas-Thompson** holds a Substitute teaching certificate valid from January 3, 1986, through July 01, 2099.

On or about June 24, 2004, Mr. Cuestas-Thompson was arrested and charged by the Tucson Police Department with Public Sexual Indecency and using a restroom for an unlawful act.

On October 4, 2005, in Tucson Municipal Court, Mr. Cuestas-Thompson pled guilty to Criminal Nuisance.

On October 30, 2009, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Cuestas-Thompson's notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That the Board **accept the voluntary surrender** of Eric Cuestas-Thompson's teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

January 25, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review Case No. C-2009-033, Tamara D. Hofmann

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** January 7, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Tamara D. Hofmann** holds a Standard Secondary Education certificate valid from January 29, 2007, through February 2, 2013.

On November 2, 2009, the Arizona State Board of Education ("State Board") filed a complaint against Ms. Hofmann's certification alleging unprofessional conduct and seeking to revoke her certification. The allegations were based upon inappropriate romantic and sexual contact with two different students.

In lieu of proceeding with a hearing, Ms. Hofmann chose to surrender her teaching certificate.

The surrender of certificate was received by the Investigative Unit of the State Board on December 7, 2009.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the surrender Tamara D. Hofmann's teaching certificate** and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

February 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **David Robertson, C-2009-136**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** February 4, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**David Robertson** holds a Standard Secondary Education certificate, valid from May 10, 2005 through May 7, 2011.

On or about December 13, 2006, the Amphitheater Unified School District ("AUSD") notified the State Board of Education ("Board") of allegations of improper conduct with a student on the part of Mr. Robertson, an English teacher at Amphitheater High School ("AHS").

On March 28, 2006, Mr. Robertson was placed on administrative leave by AUSD after telling one of his female students a joke of a sexual nature. AUSD investigated and found that Mr. Robertson had also been calling and e-mailing the student for no academic purpose. Mr. Robertson, a quadriplegic with limited use of his arms, asked the student to rub lotion on his arms, which made her feel uncomfortable. He wanted the student and her friend to consider him like a father, and gave the student and her friend rides in his van.

At the conclusion of its investigation, AUSD found that Mr. Robertson had sexually harassed the student. On or about November 22, 2006, AUSD entered into a memorandum of understanding with Mr. Robertson and he subsequently resigned.

On January 6, 2010, the Investigative Unit for the Board received the surrender of Mr. Robertson's teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board accepts the **voluntary surrender of David Robertson's** teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

February 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of Jose Mada, C-2009-152

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** February 4, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Jose Mada** holds a Standard Elementary Education certificate valid from March 11, 2004 through May 17, 2010.

On or about June 4, 2002, the governing board of Phoenix Elementary School District ("PESD") issued a statement of charges against Jose Mada, a fourth grade teacher at Bethune Elementary School ("BES"). The charges alleged unprofessional conduct, to wit:

- Inappropriate physical contact with female students
- Repetitive touching of the upper leg of one female student
- Engaging in harassing behavior
- Failing to maintain a just, courteous and proper relationship with students
- Engaging in conduct that interfered with the education of his students
- Engaging in sexual harassment

Mr. Mada had until July 8, 2002, to request a hearing in this matter. When he failed to do so, PESD terminated his employment. PESD notified the Investigative Unit ("IU") for the State Board of Education ("Board") of its actions regarding Mr. Mada on or about September 23, 2002.

In its investigation of the above allegations, the IU discovered that two similar incidents. The first incident, in January of 2000, involved a third grade female student at BES who alleged that Mr. Mada had lifted her shirt above her breasts and had rubbed her stomach. This allegation was reported to the police. After he submitted to a polygraph examination, Mr. Mada was cleared of any criminal conduct.

The second incident, in July of 2000, involved the eleven year old daughter of a family friend. Mr. Mada had allegedly kissed her on the mouth, inserting his tongue into her mouth. This incident was also reported to police but the case was closed as no criminal conduct could be proven.

On or about May 22, 2009, the Investigative Unit received a report of unprofessional conduct regarding Jose Mada from the Roosevelt Elementary School District ("RESA"). Mr. Mada, then a third grade teacher at Rose Linda Elementary School, was alleged to have engaged in unprofessional conduct, to wit:

- Engaging in unprofessional conduct,
- Failure to maintain just, courteous and proper relationships with students,

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- Improper staff conduct, and
- Improper staff conduct with a student.

The allegations arose when one of Mr. Mada's students reported to the school nurse that she was afraid of Mr. Mada because he would kiss her, hold her hand, touch her upper leg and slap her on the butt. The police investigated but were unable to prove that any criminal acts had been committed.

RES D was about to present a statement of charges to its governing board when Mr. Mada resigned on May 26, 2009.

On January 5, 2010, the IU received the surrender of Jose Mada's teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board accepts the voluntary surrender of **Jose Mada's** teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

February 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Kimberly Tolman, C-2009-153**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** February 4, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Kimberly Tolman** holds a Standard Secondary Education certificate valid from March 31, 2004 through July 10, 2010.

On or about February 4, 2009, Mesa Public Schools ("MPS") notified the State Board of Education ("Board") of allegations of improper conduct with a student. It was alleged that Ms. Tolman, an English teacher and Academic Decathlon coach at Westwood High School ("WHS"), had engaged in a sexual relationship with one of the students on the Academic Decathlon team during the 2007/08 school year.

MPS was unable to investigate the allegations as Ms. Tolman had resigned and the student graduated at the end of the 2007/08 school year. MPS did however contact the Mesa Police Department when the allegations first became known in January of 2008. Mesa police investigated but were unable to substantiate the allegations.

During the course of its investigation, the Investigative Unit ("IU") was contacted by the student's mother with concerns about the allegations. She said that she had confronted her son in May of 2008 and he admitted to having a sexual relationship with Ms. Tolman.

The IU then contacted the student directly. He admitted to the sexual relationship with Ms. Tolman during the 2007/08 school year. He said that the relationship started in October or November of 2007, after he turned 18 years old. The relationship continued through the school year and into the summer.

On January 20, 2010, the IU received Ms. Tolman's notarized affidavit surrendering her teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Kimberly Tolman's teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

February 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Sixto Rocabado, Jr., Case No. C-2009-080

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** February 4, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Sixto Rocabado, Jr.** held an Emergency Substitute certificate valid from September 2, 2008, through July 1, 2009.

On August 27, 2009, in Yuma County Superior Court, Sixto Rocabado, Jr. pled guilty to one count of Sexual Abuse and one count of Luring a Minor for Sexual Exploitation (see attachment 2). These convictions constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by Sixto Rocabado, Jr., and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

March 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review Case No. C-2004-020, Richard F. Hutchison

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: March 4, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Richard R. Hutchison holds a Standard Secondary Education certificate valid from October 6, 2006, through October 7, 2012.

On February 12, 2004, the Investigative Unit received allegations that Mr. Hutchison engaged in unprofessional conduct. The alleged misconduct included accessing and viewing pornographic materials on a school district computer. On February 5, 2004, the Phoenix Union High School District placed him on Emergency Interim Leave with pay.

Mr. Hutchison submitted a letter of resignation on February 10, 2004. Mr. Hutchison was placed under investigation by the State Board of Education.

On October 18, 2004, Mr. Hutchison was hired to teach at South Pointe High School. He taught there until October 18, 2005, at which time he resigned to accept other employment. On March 9, 2006, he returned to South Pointe High School and has been teaching there since that time. There have been no instances of misconduct by Mr. Hutchison during his employment at South Pointe High School.

On February 9, 2010, a review was held before the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC"). The PPAC voted 4 to 0 to approve the Settlement Agreement for a Letter of Censure against any and all teaching certificates held by Mr. Hutchison and that it be maintained as part of his permanent record. This decision was based on the fact that Mr. Hutchison's current employer is aware of the previous allegations and there have been no additional instances of misconduct during his employment.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accept** the recommendation of the PPAC and **issue a Letter of Censure** against the teaching certificate held by Richard Hutchison and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]



STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

March 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Kawika Stant, C-2009-046**

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: March 4, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Kawika Stant** held a Provisional Career and Technical Education Certificate valid from March 26, 2007, through March 26, 2009.

On December 9, 2008, Round Valley Unified School District ("RVUSD") notified the State Board of Education (the "Board") that it had placed Mr. Stant on administrative leave pending an investigation of unprofessional conduct. It was alleged that Mr. Stant had engaged in sexually explicit conversations with a female high school student from August through December, 2008.

The allegations were also reported to the Eagar Police Department. The police interviewed the student who said that the conversations were "freaky" and made her feel "creepy". She also disclosed that Mr. Stant rubbed her shoulders frequently and that he had engaged in similar conversations with another female student. When Mr. Stant told the student that he had a dream about marrying her, she reported his behavior to the school principal.

The police interviewed the second female student and Mr. Stant's former classroom aide (an adult female). Both disclosed that Mr. Stant had behaved in a similar manner with them during the 2007/08 school year. When the police interviewed Mr. Stant, he stated that he was only joking with the two students and his aide. The case was initially referred to the county attorney and then to the town attorney for prosecution. Both offices declined to prosecute, finding that no criminal conduct had occurred.

On January 13, 2009, Mr. Stant's resignation was accepted by the RVUSD Governing Board.

On February 9, 2010, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Stant's notarized affidavit surrendering his expired teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Kawika Stant's expired teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☒ NO ☐

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

April 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of David C. Leslie, Case No. C-2009-166

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: April 8, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**David C. Leslie** holds a Substitute Certificate valid from September 21, 2007, through April 16, 2013.

On January 28, 2010, in the Maricopa County Superior Court, **David C. Leslie** pled guilty to two counts of Attempted Molestation of a Child and one count of Sexual Conduct with a Minor. These convictions constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **David C. Leslie**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

April 26, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of **John Francis Pertuit**, Case No. **C-2009-174**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** April 8, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**John Francis Pertuit** holds a Standard Secondary Education Certificate valid from January 11, 2007, through October 30, 2010.

On February 17, 2010, in the Coconino County Superior Court, **John Francis Pertuit** pled guilty to three counts of Sexual Conduct with a Minor. These convictions constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **John Francis Pertuit**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

May 24, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review Case No. C-2009-171, Sladjana Laschober

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** May 6, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Sladjana Laschober holds a Standard Elementary Education certificate valid from May 8, 2004 through July 11, 2010, a Standard Secondary Education certificate valid from June 13, 2007 through July 11, 2013, and a Provisional Adult Education certificate valid from May 11, 2008 through May 14, 2011.

On May 29, 2008, the Investigative Unit received a report of unprofessional conduct from the Balsz Elementary School District ("BESD") alleging that Ms. Laschober, a teacher at Crockett Elementary School ("CES"), had engaged in inappropriate relationships with two male students.

Ms. Laschober was an assistant at various BESD track meets.

Student "A" reported to BESD officials that Ms. Laschober offered that if he won his event, she would either give him \$25 (to pay for school activities, according to a second student, "B"), or to take him to dinner. Student "A" stated that he won his event and that Ms. Laschober left him a card on the next day with \$25 inside. Student "A" also reported that Ms. Laschober made him uncomfortable because she hugged him when he won his event and gave him her telephone number.

Student "B" reported that, having overheard the conversation between Ms. Laschober and Student "A", he had a separate conversation with her. Student "B" reported that he told Ms. Laschober that he wanted her to tutor him and that she asked him if that's all he wanted.

Student "B" reported that once the tutoring began, he felt uncomfortable so he invited another classmate (Student "C") to attend with him. He said that Ms. Laschober would give him rides home after tutoring, stop for ice cream, and that she would call, text and e-mail him regularly.

Ms. Laschober asserts that she had no inappropriate intentions relating to tutoring or other conduct with students. She asserts that she met the parents of Students "B" and "C" and that their parents gave her permission to be with the students and drive them home.

Ms. Laschober tendered her resignation to BESD prior to the initiation of the investigation of the allegations noted above. The Phoenix Police Department conducted an investigation and found no criminal conduct on Ms. Laschober's part.

On March 15, 2010, a settlement agreement was offered to Ms. Laschober by State Board of Education staff. The agreement called for a letter of censure and completion of an approved course on teacher/student boundaries.

On April 13, 2010, this matter was reviewed by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC"). The PPAC voted 4 to 0 to approve the settlement agreement for a letter of censure against any and all teaching certificates held by Ms. Laschober and that it be maintained as part of her permanent record.

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**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts** the proposed settlement agreement and **issues a letter of censure** against the teaching certificates held by Sladjana Laschober and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

May 24, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of **George E. Hicks**, Case No. **C-2009-044**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** May 6, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**George E. Hicks** held a Standard Elementary Education Certificate valid from October 28, 2003 through December 16, 2009.

On January 23, 2009, in the Pima County Superior Court, George E. Hicks pled guilty to Facilitation to Commit Luring a Minor for Sexual Exploitation. This conviction constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **George E. Hicks**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

May 24, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Grant R. Decker, C-2009-097**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** May 6, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Grant R. Decker** holds a Standard Secondary Certificate valid from November 19, 2007 through November 13, 2013.

On May 13, 2009, Littlefield School District notified the State Board of Education ("Board") that Mr. Decker placed on administrative leave after being questioned by the Mohave Police Department regarding allegations of Sexual Conduct with his daughter.

On or about May 28, 2009, Mr. Decker was arrested for Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Child Abuse and Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child in Mohave County, Arizona.

On January 29, 2010, the Department of Public Safety notified the Board that his fingerprint card was suspended for an arrest or charge of Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Child Abuse and Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child on or about May 28, 2009.

On April 13, 2010, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Decker's notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Grant R. Decker's teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

June 28, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Ronald M. Cates, C-2008-015**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** June 10, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Ronald M. Cates** holds a Standard Elementary Education Certificate valid from May 9, 2006, through April 1, 2012.

On or about February 27, 2008, Mr. Cates was arrested by the Chandler Police Department on suspicion of Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Obscene Material Furnished to Minors, Kidnapping and Aggravated Assault.

The alleged sexual assaults occurred numerous times and at varied locations from 1999 to 2003.

On February 27, 2008, Kyrene School District notified the State Board of Education ("Board") of Mr. Cates arrest.

On March 10, 2008, the Department of Public Safety notified the Board that Mr. Cates' fingerprint clearance card was suspended.

The case was submitted to the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for prosecution, but was turned down with the reason cited as "no reasonable likelihood of conviction".

On June 1, 2010, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Cates' notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Ronald M. Cates teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**



**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

May 24, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review Case No. C-2006-065, John A. Dallabetta

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** May 6, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

John Dallabetta holds a Standard Secondary Education certificate valid from November 28, 2007 through December 5, 2013.

On October 27, 2006, the Investigative Unit received a report of unprofessional conduct from the Somerton Elementary School District alleging that Mr. Dallabetta, a teacher at Somerton Middle School, had engaged in unprofessional conduct with female students during band class. On October 20, 2006, Mr. Dallabetta was placed on administrative leave and a police report was filed with the Somerton Police Department.

On or about October 19, 2006, several female band students, aged 11 and 12, alleged that Mr. Dallabetta instructed them to sit on his lap during band class, in order to show them how to properly hold the clarinet. The Somerton Police investigated and found that some of the female students were uncomfortable with Mr. Dallabetta's approach. Some students also alleged that he used profanity in the classroom.

On January 22, 2007, the Yuma County Attorney's Office issued a Notice of Provisional Declination in response to the investigation conducted by the Somerton Police Department and found that there was insufficient evidence to proceed and that a conviction was unlikely.

On April 11, 2007, Mr. Dallabetta was notified that the Somerton School District Governing Board had voted not to renew his teaching contract for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Dallabetta admitted to using expressions, "quit acting like a dumb ass" and "kwityourbitchin" in the classroom but denies ever having a student sit on his lap or touching a student's buttocks.

On February 12, 2010, a settlement agreement was offered to Mr. Dallabetta by State Board of Education Staff. The agreement called for a letter of censure and complete evaluation, at his expense, by a Board staff-approved licensed mental health professional to determine whether he is fit to teach. He is also to attend a Board staff-approved boundaries course, and provide proof of completion within 60 days of the Agreement.

On April 13, 2010, the case was heard before the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC"). The PPAC voted 4 to 0 to approve the settlement agreement for a letter of censure against any and all teaching certificates held by Mr. Dallabetta and that it be maintained as part of his permanent record.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts** the proposed settlement agreement and **issues a letter of censure** against the teaching certificates held by John Dallabetta and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

August 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Geoffrey D. Warren, C-2009-175**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 5, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Geoffrey Warren** holds a Principal Certificate valid from June 5, 2007 through October 27, 2013.

On or about December 10, 2009, Mr. Warren was notified by the Peoria Unified School District ("the PUSD") that he had been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation of alleged misconduct with a student. He submitted his resignation later that day.

On December 14, 2009, PUSD notified the State Board of Education ("Board") of allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct with a student. The alleged violation occurred on or about August, 2007.

On June 11, 2010, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Warren's notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Geoffrey Warren's teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

August 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of Tyler A. Townley, C-2010-057

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 5, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Tyler A. Townley** holds a Standard Elementary Certificate valid from July 16, 2009 through October 27, 2015.

On or about May 6, 2010, Mr. Townley was notified by the Fowler Elementary School District that he had been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Possession of Child Pornography.

On May 8, 2010, Fowler Elementary School District notified the State Board of Education ("Board") of allegations of Receiving and Possessing Child Pornography.

On June 4, 2010, the Department of Public Safety notified the Board that Mr. Townley's fingerprint clearance card was suspended for an arrest or charge of Receiving and Possessing Child Pornography.

On June 24, 2010, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Townley's notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Tyler A. Townley's teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

August 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Douglas W. Ballance, C-2010-080**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 5, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Douglas Ballance** holds a Substitute Teaching Certificate valid from July 2, 2004 through September 27, 2010.

On or about May 1, 2007, Mr. Ballance was notified by Tempe Union High School District ("Tempe Union") that he had been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation of alleged unprofessional conduct.

On May 22, 2007, Tempe Union notified the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education ("State Board") of allegations that Mr. Balance had been viewing pornography on a school issued computer.

Tempe Union High School District Governing Board approved his request for release from his employment contract on May 30, 2007.

On April 9, 2010, Mr. Ballance applied to convert his Provisional certificate to a Standard. The Investigative Unit notified him that his application required a review. The application was set for a review by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("the PPAC") on June 8, 2010; however, Mr. Balance withdrew his application prior to the review.

On June 10, 2010, the Investigative Unit notified Mr. Balance of the intent of the State Board of Education to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against his teaching certificate.

On June 21, 2010, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Ballance's notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Douglas Ballance's teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]**

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

September 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Albert Thomas Rogers, Case No. C-2009-124

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: September 9, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Albert Thomas Rogers** holds a Standard Secondary Certificate valid from May 29, 2008 to June 7, 2014; a Superintendent Certificate valid from July 15, 2006 to June 7, 2012.

On November 24, 2009, in U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Albert Thomas Rogers pled guilty to one count of Attempted Travel with Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct and one count of Possession of Child Pornography. These convictions constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate(s).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **Albert Thomas Rogers**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

September 27, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Gary Christopher Lopez, Case No. C-2009-089

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** September 9, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Gary C. Lopez** held an Emergency Teaching Certificate valid from July 29, 2008 through July 1, 2009.

On June 8, 2010, in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, **Gary Christopher Lopez** was found guilty of Transportation of Child Pornography, a dangerous crime against children. This conviction constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrants the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate(s).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **Gary Christopher Lopez**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

September 27, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of **Anurag Pathak**, Case No. **C-2010-086**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** September 9, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Anurag Pathak** held a Provisional Secondary Education Certificate valid from August 1, 2008 through August 1, 2009.

On April 30, 2009, in Maricopa County Superior Court, Anurag Pathak was found guilty of Sexual Abuse, a dangerous crime against children. This conviction constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrants the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate(s).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **Anurag Pathak**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐



**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

December 6, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of **Adrian Z. Noriega**, Case No. **C-2010-049**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** November 16, 2010

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Adrian Z. Noriega** holds a Principal certificate valid from February 28, 2006 to September 19, 2012; a Standard Secondary Education certificate valid from September 18, 2007 to September 19, 2010; and a Guidance Counselor certificate valid from February 27, 2006 to September 19, 2012.

On July 16, 2010, in Pima County Superior Court, **Adrian Z. Noriega** pled guilty to two counts of Sexual Conduct with a Minor. These convictions constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent revocation of his Arizona teaching certificate(s).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** [ ☐ ] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED  
**BELOW:**

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by **Adrian Z. Noriega**, and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES [X] NO [ ☐ ]

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

December 06, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review Case No. C-2010-013, Ryan Robert Rasmussen

**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:**  
**November 18, 2010**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Ryan Robert Rasmussen** held a Teaching Intern certificate which expired on January 4, 2010. He holds a Substitute certificate issued on August 9, 2007, which expires on February 12, 2013.

On October 1, 2010, the Investigative Unit received notification from the Clerk of the Superior Court, Maricopa County, that Ryan Robert Rasmussen was convicted of Sexual Abuse, a Class 3 felony, and Attempted Molestation of a Child, also a Class 3 felony. The date of the convictions is July 1, 2010.

These convictions constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 15-550 and warrant the immediate and permanent of his Arizona teaching certificates.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:** ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-550, the State Board of Education **permanently revoke** any and all teaching certificates held by Ryan Robert Rasmussen, and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐