

IN THE MATTER OF : NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
THE CERTIFICATES OF : STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
MATTHEW RUSSELL : ORDER OF REVOCATION
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This matter was opened by the Board of Examiners (Board) by way of an Order to Show Cause issued to Matthew Russell as to why his teaching certificates should not be revoked or suspended. Russell currently holds a Teacher of Music Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing, issued in September 2005 and a Teacher of Music certificate, issued in June 2006. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.4*, the South Orange-Maplewood School district had notified the Board that Russell, a teacher in the district, had resigned following allegations that he had been involved in a sexual relationship with a student. After the teaching certification matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing, Russell presented a settlement proposal to the Board in which he would voluntarily relinquish his certificates with the force and effect of a revocation. After reviewing the settlement proposal, at its meeting of November 1, 2011, the Board voted to accept the proposal. Accordingly, on this 1st day of November 2011, Matthew Russell's Teacher of Music Certificate of Eligibility With Advanced Standing and Teacher of Music certificate are hereby REVOKED effective immediately.

Robert R. Higgins, Secretary
State Board of Examiners

Date of Decision:

Date of Mailing: