

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF HUGHES) SOUTH DAKOTA DEPT. OF EDUCATION

In re: Certification Application of)
SADIE JO IN THE WOODS) DSE 2022-17
) ORDER DENYING EDUCATOR
) CERTIFICATE

In accordance with and pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary by SDCL § 13-42-4, 13-42-9, and ARSD article 24:18, and after review of the record herein, the Secretary issues the following Order:

1. The Secretary accepts the allegations of the Notice of Intent to Deny Teaching Certificate as true and enters the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
2. The application of Sadie In The Woods for an initial educator certificate is **DENIED**.
3. Sadie In The Woods is prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the State of South Dakota until July 1, 2027.
4. The Order and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are a public record pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-17.1 and ARSD 24:18:04:05.
5. Notification of this denial is to be placed on the NASDTEC registry and be placed in applicant's permanent certification file within the South Dakota Department of Education.

This constitutes final agency action and may be appealed to circuit court pursuant to ARSD 24:18:02:06.

Date this 30th day of May, 2023.



Dr. Joseph Graves
Secretary
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) FINDINGS OF FACT AND
) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Sadie Jo In The Woods filed an initial educator application for an educator certificate which was activated on September 20, 2022. After a review of the entire file, the Secretary enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about March 11, 2023, the South Dakota Department of Education Officer of Educator Certification (hereinafter “Department”) served a Notice of Intent to Deny Educator Certificate and attached exhibits on Sadie Jo In The Woods (hereinafter “In The Woods”) via certified mail, first-class mail, and email.
2. The Notice of Intent informed In The Woods that if she failed to request a hearing within 30 days after service of the notice, the allegations of the Notice would be accepted as true by the Secretary.
3. The Department received a request for hearing from In The Woods on or about April 3, 2023.
4. An independent hearing examiner was appointed, and a hearing was noticed for May 26, 2023.
5. During the pre-hearing telephonic conference on May 23, 2023, In The Woods withdrew her request for a hearing. After the telephonic conference Rob Anderson, the appointed hearing examiner, confirmed In The Woods’ withdrawn request for a hearing. No further communications were had.
6. In The Woods disclosed on her application that she had a “DUI 2018 FL, DUI 2014 SD.”
7. In The Woods failed to provide the Department with any court documents.

8. In The Woods failed to adequately disclose her complete criminal history, including:

Driving While License is Canceled (M2)- conviction 08/22/2022
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Bench Warrant- Failure to Appear- 05/20/2022
Driving While License is Canceled (M2)- conviction 10/26/2021
Driving Under the Influence (M1)- conviction 08/13/2014
Possession Two Ounces of Marijuana or Less- charged 08/13/2014

9. In The Woods did not contest any allegation contained in the Notice of Intent to Deny when she requested a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. Grounds for the denial or non-renewal of an educator certificate are provided in SDCL § 13-42.

11. The Secretary of the Department of Education has the power and authority to refuse to issue or renew a certificate. SDCL § 13-42-9.

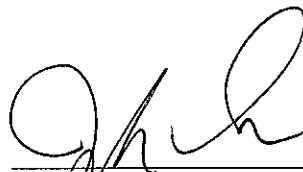
12. In The Woods' failure to disclose, pattern of criminal behavior, and disregard of the law constitutes acts of moral turpitude in violation of SDCL § 13-42-9.

13. Any Conclusion of Law more properly designated as a Finding of Fact is hereby so designated.

14. In The Woods' application should be denied pursuant to SDCL § 13-42-9.

15. In The Woods should be prohibited from reapplication for an educator certificate in the state of South Dakota until July 1, 2027.

Date this 30th day of May, 2023.



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