

**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE**

August 26, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Certificate Surrender of **Brian A. Knowlton**, Case No. **C-2013-035**

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

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** August 8, 2013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Brian A. Knowlton** holds a Standard Secondary Education (7-12) certificate valid June 12, 2009 through July 2, 2015.

On May 1, 2013, the Investigative Unit of the State Board of Education (“Board”) was made aware of allegations purporting that Mr. Knowlton told stories of a graphic sexual nature to students during the baseball season.

On April 30, 2013, Mr. Knowlton was placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into the allegations. Later that day he submitted his resignation, effective immediately.

The Glendale Police Department responded to take a report. Due to no criminal offense having been committed, a report was generated for informational purposes only.

On July 1, 2013, the Investigative Unit notified Mr. Knowlton of the intent of the State Board of Education to file a complaint seeking disciplinary action against his teaching certificate. After discussing the matter with Mr. Knowlton, he chose to surrender his teaching certificate.

On July 15, 2013, the Investigative Unit received Mr. Knowlton’s notarized affidavit surrendering his teaching certificate.

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

That the Board **accepts the voluntary surrender** of Brian A. Knowlton’s teaching certificate and that all states and territories be so notified.

**ATTACHMENTS:** YES  NO