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BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the)
Educator License of)
MARY ANN STEVENSON)
STIPULATION OF FACTS AND FINAL
ORDER OF SURRENDER AND
REVOCATION OF LICENSURE

On or about June 18, 2015, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Pleasant Hill School District, indicating that Mary Ann Stevenson (Stevenson) had demonstrated unprofessional and designated acts of gross neglect of duty and/or unfitness for duty while employed as an educator and coach with the Bethel and Pleasant Hill School Districts during the Spring of 1982.

After review of the matters alleged, Stevenson and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the surrender, and revocation of Stevenson's Oregon educator license.

This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Stevenson stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

By signing below, Stevenson acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Surrender and Revocation of Licensure (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Stevenson nor the Commission are bound by the

1 terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it
2 completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and
3 Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she
4 states that no promises or representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation
5 and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and
6 Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all
7 rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and
8 issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. This Order sets forth the facts upon
9 which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Stevenson stipulates that there
10 are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of
11 fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In doing so, however, she does not admit such facts
12 are true but by entering into this stipulation, Stevenson waives the right to a hearing to contest
13 the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below regarding her license.

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15 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 16 1. The Commission has licensed Stevenson since December 21, 1979. Stevenson currently
17 holds a Standard Teaching License, with endorsements in Basic Art (018) and Standard
18 Physical Education (018), valid from September 16, 2014 through September 15, 2019.
- 19 2. On or about June 18, 2015, the Commission received information from the Pleasant Hill
20 School District indicating that Stevenson had been involved in an intimate and
21 inappropriate relationship with a female student in the spring of 1982, more than 30
22 years ago.
- 23 3. Stevenson has provided written information to the Commission regarding her more than
24 30-year teaching career. She has, however, declined to be interviewed by the
25 Commission regarding the allegations in paragraph 2, above, and has not admitted that
26 said allegations are true.

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2 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

3 Mary Ann Stevenson
4 Mary Ann Stevenson

April 11, 2017
Date

5 Dr. Monica Beane
6 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director
7 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

4-18-17
Date

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9 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

10 Mary Ann Stevenson engaged in inappropriate conduct with a student. This conduct
11 constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of ORS 342.175(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
12 incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as
13 it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with*
14 *students in conduct and conversations at all times*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual*
15 *conduct with a student*). The Commission may rely on the definitions of sexual conduct in ORS
16 339.370(9) and OAR 584-020-0005(5).

17 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
18 342.175.

19 **ORDER**

20 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, accepts the licensure surrender
21 and revokes Mary Ann Stevenson's Oregon educator license.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED this 21st day of June, 2017.

23 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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25 By: Dr. Monica Beane
26 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director