

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

In the Matter of the
Teaching License of
JANELLE LYNN PIERSON

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Case No. 111012
STIPULATION OF FACTS,
SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND
ORDER OF REVOCATION

On November 26, 2002, Mike Stout, Director of Human Resources, David Douglas School District, sent a report to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) indicating that Janelle Lynn Pierson may have violated Commission standards in connection with her relationship with a student attending the David Douglas High School.

On May 16, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Pierson, and Ms. Pierson requested a hearing.

After a review of the matters alleged, Ms. Pierson and the Commission have agreed that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a surrender of Ms. Pierson's Oregon Teaching License pursuant to OAR 584-050-0027. This order sets for the facts upon which the Commission and Ms. Pierson have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Ms. Pierson waives her right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. Ms. Pierson also understands that the Commission will accept the surrender of her teaching license and revoke the license.

This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the order by the Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this order, neither Ms. Pierson nor the

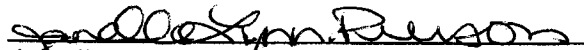
Commission shall be bound by any stipulations or other matters contained herein, and Ms. Pierson shall retain all rights to a hearing to contest the allegations in the notice.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

Ms. Pierson and the Commission stipulate to the following facts and agree that there is substantial evidence in the record to support these facts:

1. Ms. Pierson holds a standard Oregon Teaching License with an endorsement in Language Arts.
2. Ms. Pierson was employed as an English teacher at the David Douglas High School from September 1991 until December 30, 2002, when she resigned her position with the District, effective January 9, 2003. Ms. Pierson was on leave of absence with the District from September 2002 until the date of her resignation.
3. Between January 2002 and November 2002, Ms. Pierson had sexual contact with a male high school student who attended David Douglas High School.
4. Based on the above conduct, Ms. Pierson was charged with a crime and entered a plea of guilty to the crime of Official Misconduct in the First Degree in Multnomah Circuit Court on April 28, 2003. As a part of the plea agreement, Ms. Pierson acknowledged that she had engaged in sexual relation with the student. The Court sentenced Ms. Pierson to 150 hours of community service and placed her on 5 years of formal probation, subject to the following conditions of probation:
 - a. undergo sex offender evaluation and treatment if recommended;
 - b. undergo counseling as recommended by the probation department;
 - c. have no contact with the male high school student who was the subject of the conviction;

- d. have no unsupervised contact with minors, including telephone and internet communications;
- e. have no employment as a teacher in any school setting.


Janelle Lynn Pierson

12/15/03
Date

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION


Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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Date

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Janelle Lynn Pierson had sexual contact with a 16 year old student who attended David Douglas High School and, as a result, Ms. Pierson was convicted of the crime of Official Misconduct in the First Degree. Ms. Pierson's behavior constituted gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) and gross unfitness in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c).

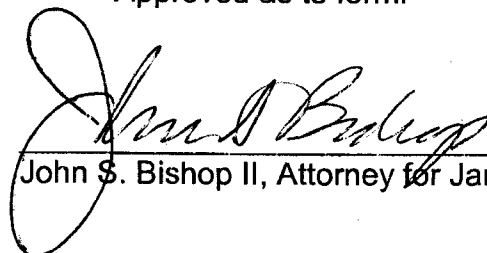
ORDER

The Commission accepts the surrender of Ms. Pierson's Standard Teaching License and hereby revoke's Ms. Pierson's Standard Teaching License.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of January 2004.


Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

Approved as to form:


John S. Bishop II, Attorney for Janelle Lynn Pierson