

1                   BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
2                   OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
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4   In the Matter of the                    )     DEFAULT ORDER OF SUSPENSION  
5   Teaching License of                   )                                    OF  
6   JONATHAN DANIEL BELL                )     RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE

7           On August 14, 2003, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
8   issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jonathan Daniel Bell (Bell) in which the  
9   Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S.  
10   First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7002 3150 0004 3439 2384 to the address  
11   obtained by the Commission and his attorney, James Brown. The U.S. First Class Mail and  
12   U.S. Certified Mail were returned to the Commission undelivered. Jonathan Daniel Bell did not  
13   request a hearing. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated August 14, 2003, and signed by  
14   Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

15           "You, Jonathan Daniel Bell, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of  
16   the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a  
17   hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached  
18   to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights  
19   of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS  
20   183.413(2)."

21           Mr. Bell did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds  
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23   Mr. Bell to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and  
24   order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

25                                           **FINDINGS OF FACT**

26           1. The Commission issued Mr. Bell a Transitional Teaching License restricted to  
27   Hillsboro School District on September 2, 1999. On September 30, 1999, the Commission  
28   complied with a request from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District to transfer the restricted  
29   Transitional Teaching License to West Linn-Wilsonville.

30           2. In the summer of 2001, Mr. Bell applied for and accepted a job as principal in the  
31   Culver School District. Mr. Bell represented that he held a Transitional Teaching License on an

1 application for employment. Mr. Bell was aware that his Transitional Teaching License was  
2 restricted to teach only at West Linn-Wilsonville School District. Mr. Bell did not inform the  
3 Culver School District that his Transitional Teaching License was not valid to teach at Culver  
4 School District.

5 3. From September 8, 2001, through January 31, 2003, Mr. Bell served as principal at  
6 Culver High School without licensure.

7 4. On or about November 1, 2001, the Commission denied Culver School District's  
8 request for a Conditional Assignment Permit allowing Mr. Bell to serve as an administrator. Mr.  
9 Bell was informed of the Commission's decision.

10 5. Mr. Bell did not apply or receive an Administrative Teaching License.

11 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12 Serving in a public school without a valid teaching license may be grounds for  
13 suspension, probation or public reprimand pursuant to OAR 584-050-0030(1) and 584-050-  
14 0030(2) constitute Gross Neglect of Duty. Knowingly serving without a valid teaching license or  
15 knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure or employment constitute Gross Neglect  
16 of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c). The Commission's authority to impose  
17 discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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2 **ORDER**

3 The Commission hereby suspends Mr. Bell's right to apply for an Oregon teaching  
4 license effective October 10, 2003.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2003.

6 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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9 By: Victoria Chamberlain  
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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12 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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14 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE  
15 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE  
16 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS  
17 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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3 I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me  
4 as such by regular U.S. mail and by U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed  
5 to:  
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7 Jonathan Daniel Bell  
8 2219 SW Metolius Avenue  
9 Redmond, OR 97756

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11 Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2003.  
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15 By: Melody Hanson  
16 Melody Hanson, Executive Assistant