

1                   BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

2                                   OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3   In the Matter of the                    )       STIPULATION OF FACTS AND  
4   Educator License of                   )       FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION  
5   MARK STEVEN SHOFF                   )       OF RIGHT TO APPLY

6            On or about January 16, 2015, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)  
7   received a report from the Lake Oswego School District alleging that Mark Steven Shoff (Shoff) had  
8   violated Professional Standards and Practices.

9            After review of the matters alleged, Shoff and the Commission agree that their respective  
10   interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the  
11   imposition of a six (6) month suspension of Shoff’s right to apply for an Oregon educator license.

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

15           By signing below, Shoff acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i)  
16   he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact,  
17   conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights  
18   to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Suspension of right to  
19   apply (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and  
20   disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is  
21   contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does  
22   not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Shoff nor the Commission are  
23   bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it  
24   completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order  
25   and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises  
26   or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he  
27   has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised  
28   with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to

1 entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order  
2 below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

4 1) Shoff has been licensed as an Educator in Oregon since August 27, 1980. Shoff held a Standard  
5 Teaching License, with endorsements in Basic Physical Education (018) and Standard Health  
6 Education (018), valid from April 19, 2013, through April 18, 2018. During all relevant times,  
7 Shoff was employed by the Lake Oswego School District. Shoff has not made application for  
8 renewal.

9 2) On July 20, 2015, the Commission issued Shoff a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. On August  
10 4, 2015, Shoff requested a hearing, on January 28, 2016, a pre-hearing conference was held and a  
11 hearing date of June 30, 2016 through July 1, 2016, was established. On February 16, 2016, the  
12 Commission withdrew its referral, and cancelled the hearing in order to conduct additional  
13 investigation. On December 29, 2016, the Commission issued Shoff an amended Notice of  
14 Opportunity for a Hearing and on January 4, 2017, Shoff requested a hearing.

15 3) On January 16, 2015, the Commission received a report from the Lake Oswego School District  
16 alleging Shoff had engaged in unprofessional conduct. Commission investigation determined that  
17 on or about December 30, 2014, while coaching a boy's high school basketball game, Shoff  
18 displayed unprofessional conduct. The Lake Oswego School District determined Shoff violated  
19 local policy and issued Shoff a written reprimand and removed Shoff from his coaching duties.  
20 Effective April 19, 2015, Shoff resigned his employment with the Lake Oswego School District.

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22 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

23 Mark Shoff  
24 Mark Steven Shoff

Rec 09/13/2018  
Date

25 Trent Danowski  
26 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director  
27 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

9/19/2018  
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**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Mark Steven Shoff's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*).

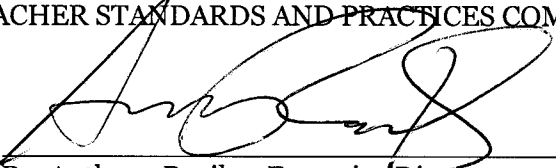
The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

**ORDER**

The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above stipulation of facts, conclusions of law, and based thereon hereby imposes a six (6) month suspension upon Shoff's right to apply for an Oregon educator license following the adoption of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2 day of November, 2018.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By:   
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Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director