

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

In the Matter of the)	STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Educator License of)	FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION
ANGELA SANDINO)	AND PROBATION

On May 17, 2016, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Portland Public School District (PPSD) indicating Angela Sandino (Sandino) may have violated TSPC standards in connection with placing an unauthorized signature on a PPSD document relating to a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) financial aid application.

After review of the matters alleged, Sandino and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a one year suspension followed by a period of probation.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Sandino stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Sandino waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Sandino 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 Suspension and Probation (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 Sandino nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to

consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

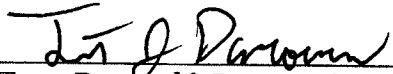
1. The Commission has licensed Sandino since August 3, 1988. Sandino’s Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Bilingual Specialization: Spanish (PK-12), English to Speakers of Other Languages (PK-12) and World Language: Spanish (PK-12), is valid from September 22, 2017 through September 21, 2022. Sandino also holds a Professional Administrator License, with an endorsement in Administrator (PK-12), valid from September 22, 2017 through September 21, 2022. During all relevant times, Sandino was employed by the Portland Public School District (PPSD).
2. On May 17, 2016, the Commission received a report from PPSD indicating Sandino may have violated TSPC standards by placing an unauthorized signature on a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) financial aid application.
3. Investigation determined that Sandino signed an administrator’s signature awaiting their approval on a FAFSA related form verifying a student’s eligibility for potential benefits and the form was inadvertently sent before the signature was approved. Sandino’s actions came to the attention of the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) who investigated the application and letter. USDE founded the investigation but filed no charges against Sandino due to the fact that no financial aid was ever awarded as a result of Sandino’s conduct and because the student qualified for the financial aid under the terms of the program. PPSD conducted an investigation and was preparing for action based on Sandino’s conduct. On October 1, 2016, Sandino resigned her employment with PPS at that time with the mutual understanding that this action would settle the matter.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Angela Sandino
Angela Sandino

January 6, 2022
Date


Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

01/11/2022
Date

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described above constitutes conduct 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*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(2)(e) (*Not use the district's or school's name, property, or resources for non-educational benefit or purposes without approval of the educator's supervisor or the appointing authority*).

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

ORDER

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a one (1) year suspension upon Sandino's Oregon educator license as follows:

Angela Sandino's Oregon educator license is hereby suspended for one (1) year following the adoption of this order.

Furthermore, the Commission imposes a two (2) year period of probation upon Sandino to commence upon the termination of the above suspension subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Sandino shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for the Commission to revoke Sandino's Oregon educator license or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing Sandino with notice and opportunity for hearing

Issued and dated this 7 day of February, 2022

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

STATE OF OREGON

By  _____

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director