1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION RECEIVED 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 3 In the Matter of the STIPULATION OF FACTS AND AUG 3 0 2019 4 Educator License of: NAL ORDER OF 5 DAVID J. BLISS REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY Teacher Standards & 6 Practices Commission 7 8 On or about November 8, 2017, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 9 (Commission) received a report from the Salem-Keizer School District, alleging David J. Bliss 10 (Bliss) had violated professional standards that may be considered gross neglect of duty or gross 11 unfitness. 12 After review of the matters alleged, Bliss and the Commission agree that their respective 13 interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, and 14 the revocation of Bliss' right to apply for an Oregon educator license. 15 This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Bliss stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's 16 17 files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below. 18 By signing below, Bliss acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the 19 20 findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all 21 such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final 22 Order of Revocation of Right to Apply (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; 23 24 (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by 25 the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final 26 Order, then neither Bliss nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully 27 read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without

any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and

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1	entry o	of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or representation has
2	been n	nade to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted
3	with a	attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with
4	regard	to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to
5	enterir	ng into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final
6	Order	below. This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the
7	sanctio	on to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Bliss waives the right to a hearing to
8	contes	t the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.
9		STIPULATION OF FACTS
10 11 12 13 14	Pro Sej	eliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in Drama (PK-12), valid from otember 9, 2015 through September 8, 2018. During all relevant times, Bliss was aployed (Contract / Volunteer) by the Salem-Keizer School District (SKSD).
15	2) On	November 8, 2017, the Commission received a report from the Salem-Keizer School
16	Dis	strict (SKSD) alleging Bliss had falsified answers on his district employment / volunteer
17	ap	plication(s). Investigation determined the following:
18	a)	On March 8, 2002, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) revoked Bliss'
19		Restricted Transitional Teaching license by default order. On June 12, 2012, Bliss' license
20		was reinstated by TSPC, effective February 3, 2012.
21	b)	On December 15, 2006, Bliss submitted a Criminal History Background Statement Non-
22		Licensed Employees, Administrators and Volunteers to SKSD. On "Question 4. Have
23		you ever had a professional license revoked, suspended, or denied?" Bliss checked the
24		"No" box. On June 29, 2007, SKSD sent Bliss a letter noting the TSPC revocation in
25		2002 and the fact Bliss had failed to disclose this on his Criminal History Background
26		form. Bliss was advised he was no longer eligible for future employment or to participate
27		in SKSD sponsored activities as a volunteer.
28	c)	On October 17, 2017, Bliss submitted a SKSD Employment / Volunteer
29		application including another background check form. On the question that

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asked, "Have you ever been reprimanded, disciplined or placed on probation by

a licensing agency (including but not limited to the Oregon Teacher Standards

1	and Practices Commission) or had a professional license revoked, suspended, or
2	denied?" Bliss answered "No". On November 7, 2017, SKSD sent Bliss a letter
3	again noting the 2002 TSPC revocation and Bliss' failure to properly disclose this.
4	The letter also noted the previous letter sent to Bliss, dated June 29, 2007, which
5	reiterated that Bliss was no longer eligible for future employment or allowed to
6	participate in SKSD sponsored activities as a volunteer.
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9	IT IS SO STIPULATED:
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11	David Bliss Date
12 13	Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Date
14	Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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16	CONCLUSION OF LAW
17	David Bliss' conduct as described in section two 2(a), (b), (c), above constitutes gross
18	neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
19	OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district
20	$lawful\ and\ reasonable\ rules\ and\ regulations); and\ OAR\ 584-020-0040(4)(c)\ (Falsification\ of\ CAR\ 584-020-0040(4)(c))$
21	any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or
22	professional duties).
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24	The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
25	342.175.
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28	ORDER

1	The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, and revokes David J. Bliss' righ
2	to apply for an educator license.
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4	IT IS SO ORDERED this day of November, 2019.
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6	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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8 9	By: Dr. Anthony J. Rosilez, Executive Director