

1 (PK-12), Health Education (HS), and Physical Education (ML/HS), valid from
2 January 22, 2020, through February 3, 2023. During all relevant times, Hutchins
3 was employed by the Reynolds School District (RSD).
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- 5 2) On April 19, 2017, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report
6 indicating Hutchins may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of
7 duty and / or gross unfitness. RSD reported that on April 4, 2017, Hutchins
8 reported for work at Reynolds Middle School under the influence of alcohol.
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- 10 3) Investigation determined that on April 4, 2017, Hutchins was under the influence
11 of alcohol while at work at the Reynolds Middle School. Staff reported Hutchins
12 having slurred and slow speech, difficulty communicating, and having trouble
13 standing. Additionally, staff reported that they could smell alcohol on Hutchins'
14 breath and that he was incapable of properly managing his classes. School
15 administration investigated the staff observations of Hutchins' behavior and
16 instructed him to complete a urinalysis, per district policy. It was reported that
17 Hutchins refused this directive and left campus alone in his own vehicle. Law
18 enforcement was notified that Hutchins was operating a vehicle while under the
19 influence; however, police were unable to locate him. During the police
20 investigation, it was determined that Hutchins had a suspended license, and the
21 Gresham Police Department issued Hutchins a \$1500 citation for Driving While
22 Suspended. Hutchins' license was suspended due to prior Driving Under the
23 Influence (DUI) convictions in Oregon. On April 13, 2017, Hutchins and the
24 district entered into a Last Chance Agreement with conditions that he provide
25 confirmation that he was engaged with drug and alcohol treatment, as well as
26 requirements that he provide random urinalysis tests to the district. On May 25,
27 2017, Hutchins submitted his resignation to the district. TSPC interviewed
28 Hutchins regarding this matter on October 20, 2020, and on November 18, 2020.
29 During those interviews, Hutchins indicated that he never drank at work, or had
30 alcohol in his possession at work or on school grounds. Hutchins also indicated
31 that there were times he showed up to work feeling the effects of alcohol. When
32 asked how many times Hutchins had come to work intoxicated over a period of

1 one year, he reported “less than five times.” When asked specifically about the
2 events on April 4, 2017, Hutchins indicated that he doesn’t clearly remember the
3 events of that day. Hutchins admitted that he likely didn’t remember because he
4 was intoxicated the night before. TSPC staff reviewed Hutchins’ criminal history,
5 and discovered the following DUI convictions:
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- 7 • Arrest date: 6/23/16
8 Tillamook County
9 Convicted: 8/15/16
10 Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants
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- 12 • Arrest date: 8/2/17
13 Clackamas County
14 Convicted: 3/12/20
15 Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants
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- 17 • Arrest date: 8/31/17
18 City of Salem
19 Convicted: 7/1/19
20 Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Reckless Driving, Failure to
21 Present License
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- 23 • Arrest date: 9/9/17
24 Polk County
25 Convicted: 10/17/2017
26 Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants
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28 When asked about these convictions, Hutchins reported that he was going
29 through a very “dark” time in his life, and had gone through a divorce. Hutchins
30 reported that he had completed inpatient drug and alcohol treatment, and was
31 doing well on probation.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 The conduct described in sections two (2) and (3) above constitutes gross neglect
3 of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates
4 OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using*
5 *district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(g)
6 (*Appearing on duty or at any district-sponsored activity while under the influence of*
7 *alcohol or any controlled substance*).


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

11 **FINAL ORDER**

12 The Commission hereby revokes Scott Hutchins’ Oregon educator license.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 11th day of June, 2021.

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16 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

17 By: 
18 Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

19 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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22 **YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY**
23 **BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE**
24 **SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF**
25 **ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.**