

BEFORE THE TEACHER 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
DAVID J. WOOD)	AND PROBATION

On May 24, 2017, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Portland Public Schools District (PPS) indicating David J. Wood (Wood) may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness, specifically, failure to complete teacher evaluations, probationary teacher evaluations, and falsification of information and / or signatures on educator evaluation forms.

After review of the matters alleged, Wood 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. Wood 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, Wood waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Wood 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 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 Wood nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully 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 entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully

advised with regard to his 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 Wood since July 23, 2003. Wood's Preliminary Teaching License with endorsements in English Language Arts (PK-12), and Social Studies (PK-12); valid December 28, 2016, through December 27, 2019. Wood also holds a Professional Administrator License with an endorsement in Administrator (PK-12); valid March 2, 2017, through December 27, 2022. During all relevant times, Wood was employed by PPS.
2. On May 24, 2017, the Commission received a report from (PPS) indicating Wood may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, that Wood had failed to complete teacher evaluations, probationary teacher evaluations, and falsified information and / or signatures on educator evaluation forms.
3. Investigation determined that on or about September 20, 2016, the Director of Access Academy; a charter school under PPS, learned that Wood had failed to complete required teacher, and probationary teacher, evaluations for the 2015-2016 school year. Further investigation indicated that Wood had failed to complete the majority of required evaluations on contract and probationary teachers for the school years of 2013-2014, 2014-2015, in addition to the 2015-2016 school year. State law ORS 342.850, requires all probationary teachers to have an evaluation completed annually and by a specific process. Additional investigation determined that Wood had forged the signatures of multiple teachers on evaluation forms in an attempt to deceive the administration. On October 5, 2016, PPS issued Wood a proposed notice of discipline for his conduct and related policy violations. On May 11, 2017, Wood resigned his employment with PPS effective May 12, 2017.


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IT IS SO STIPULATED:



David J. Wood

6/23/19

Date



Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

7/2/19

Date

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described in sections two (2) and three (3) 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 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*). This above conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(b) (*Fraud or misrepresentation*).

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 Wood's Oregon educator license as follows:

David J. Wood'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 Wood to commence upon reinstatement of his Oregon educator license and subject to the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Wood 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 Wood's Oregon educator license or otherwise impose discipline, after first providing Wood with notice and opportunity for hearing

Issued and dated this 12 day of August, 2019.

**TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF OREGON**

By  _____

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director