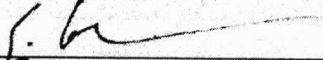



1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 2 1. The Commission has licensed Cohn since June 26, 1989. Cohn holds a
3 Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Integrated Science (PK-12),
4 Biology (PK-12), and Foundational Mathematics (PK-12), valid from October 20,
5 2016, through December 21, 2021. During all relevant times, Cohn was employed
6 by Hood River County School District (HRCSD).
7 2. On June 12, 2018, the Commission received a report from the HRCSD indicating
8 Cohn had engaged in conduct that may be considered gross neglect of duty
9 and/or gross unfitness. Specifically the report alleged Cohn had inappropriate
10 physical contact with a student and directed inappropriate comments to students.
11 3. Investigation determined that towards the end of the second quarter of the 2017-
12 2018 school year, several students made comments about Cohn's age. Cohn told
13 students he was not old and in an attempt at humor, grabbed a male, eighth-
14 grade student by the arm, pulled him from his seat, and nudged the student
15 several times. As Cohn was physically engaged with the student, Cohn made
16 comments to the class that when this student is in ninth grade, he would not be
17 able to do this because the student would be bigger and stronger. Cohn had
18 always maintained a good relationship with the student and had joked with the
19 student in the past. Cohn's comments were intended as a compliment to the
20 student, and the horseplay was good natured and not done out of anger or to
21 intimidate the student. Cohn apologized to the student and the student's parents
22 for unintentionally embarrassing the student. Cohn maintained a positive
23 relationship with the student and parents after the incident and in the
24 subsequent years. Cohn completed an online training course to improve his
25 interactions with students.

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29 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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31 Eric S. Cohn
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33 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
34 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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CONCLUSION OF LAW

The 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 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*) and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

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 Public Reprimand on Eric S. Cohn's Oregon educator license.

Issued and dated this 2 day of April 2021.

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

By  _____

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director