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**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 PUBLIC  
RONALD K. SMITH ) REPRIMAND AND PROBATION**

**On October 30, 2018, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
(Commission) received a misconduct report from the Nestucca Valley School District  
indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Ronald K.  
Smith (Smith).**

**After review of the matters alleged, Smith and the Commission agree that their  
respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to  
certain facts and the imposition of a public reprimand and a one (1) year period of  
probation.**

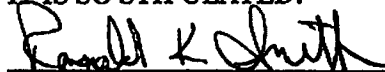
**This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the  
sanction to be imposed. In entering into this stipulation, Smith waives the right to a  
hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.**

**By signing below, Smith 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 Public Reprimand 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 Smith 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.**

1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 2 1. The Commission has licensed Smith since August 5, 1993. Smith holds a  
3 Professional Teaching License, with endorsements in Agriculture Science (PK-  
4 12); Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Systems: Agricultural Science and  
5 Technology (CTE) (PK-12); Career Trades: Generalist (PK-12) and Integrated  
6 Science (PK-12), valid from October 19, 2016, through November 8, 2021. During  
7 all relevant times, Smith was employed by the Nestucca Valley School District  
8 (NVSD).
- 9 2. On October 30, 2018, the Commission received a report from the NVSD  
10 indicating Smith may have had engaged in conduct that may be considered gross  
11 neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the report alleged Smith  
12 violated district policy by distributing performance enhancing substances to  
13 students at Nestucca Junior/Senior High School.
- 14 3. Investigation determined that October 22, 2018, Smith brought a bag of  
15 nutritional and body building supplements in various forms to school. Smith  
16 believed the bag only contained protein powder and bars which Smith intended  
17 to share with students in his classes as he had done on multiple occasion over  
18 several years. The bag also including energy pills which, according to the  
19 manufacturer, contained 200 milligrams of caffeine in a single dose. Smith  
20 permitted students to take products from the bag as they wanted. Approximately  
21 twenty-five students obtained the products directly from the bag and some of  
22 these students provided these products to an unknown number of students. After  
23 the school received complaints of students having the products, Smith was placed  
24 on administrative leave while the district and law enforcement investigated the  
25 matter. The district found Smith violated NVSD policy GBEC Drug-Free  
26 Workplace, as it pertains to distributing performance enhancing substances. The  
27 NVSD issued Smith a letter of directive and unpaid leave for three and one half  
28 days.

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30 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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33 Ronald K. Smith

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36 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director  
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 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*).

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

**ORDER**

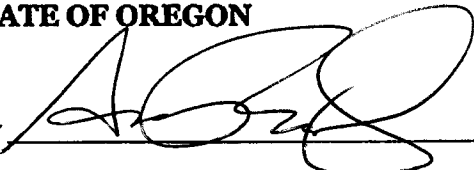
The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Ronald K. Smith’s Oregon educator license.

Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of one (1) year of probation upon Smith’s licensure to commence from the date this order is signed by the Commission and subject to the following condition:

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

Issued and dated this 22 day of June 2021.

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

By  \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director