

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the Educator) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5 License of) PUBLIC REPRIMAND
6 JOHN R. BISSEY) AND PROBATION
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9 On December 31, 2019, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to John R. Bissey (Bissey) in
11 which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via
12 U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830 0001 6178 7015 to the
13 address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the
14 record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was returned to
15 the Commission signed. The first class mail was not returned to the Commission and
16 assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated December, 31 2019, and
17 signed by Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director, stated:

18 “IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY
19 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED
20 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR
21 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW
22 YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR
23 NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE
24 COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE
25 THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER
26 DISCIPLINE.”
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28 Bissey did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Bissey to be in default
29 and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the
30 files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
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32 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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34 1. The Commission has licensed Bissey since April 15, 2011. Bissey holds a Preliminary
35 Teaching License, with endorsements in Biology (PK-12); Legacy Middle Level (PK-12);
36 and Integrated Science (PK-12), valid from March 21, 2017, through October 23, 2020.
37 Bissey also hold an Administrator License, with an endorsement in Principal (PK-12),
38 valid from August 12, 2019 through October 23, 2022. During all relevant times, Bissey

1 was employed by the Prospect School District (PSD).

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3 2. On November 15, 2018, the Commission received a report from the PSD indicating
4 Bissey may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty and/or gross
5 unfitness. Specifically, Bissey inappropriately shared confidential student records.

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7 3. Investigation determined that on or about October 22, 2018, Bissey contacted and
8 shared confidential information with a news media journalist. Information received
9 indicates Bissey forwarded school district email correspondence that included
10 information and attachments containing confidential student information. This
11 unauthorized disclosure violated School district policy and Federal Educational Rights
12 and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations.

13 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14 The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
15 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize*
16 *the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0010(5)
17 (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(c) (*Using and maintaining student*
18 *records as required by federal and state law and district policies and procedures*), OAR 584-
19 020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-
20 0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(a) (*Keep the confidence entrusted in the*
21 *profession as it relates to confidential information concerning a student and the student's*
22 *family*).

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24 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
25 342.175.


26 FINAL ORDER

27 The Commission hereby issues a public reprimand upon John R. Bissey's Oregon
28 educator license and places John Bissey on probation for two (2) years of probation from
29 the date this order is signed.

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

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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