

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 PAUL A. JONES)

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9 On June 3, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
10 issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Paul A. Jones (Jones) in which the
11 Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First
12 Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7018 1830 0001 6178 2997 to the address on file
13 with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes
14 of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was returned to the Commission
15 signed. The first class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The
16 Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated June 3, 2020, and signed by Anthony Rosilez,
17 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 Jones did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Jones to be in default and
29 enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files
30 and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

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32 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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34 1. Jones currently holds a Standard Teaching License, with endorsements in Basic
35 Health Education (PK-12) and Basic Standard Physical Education (Pk-12), valid from
36 June 2, 2015, through June 1, 2020. Additionally, Jones currently holds a
37 Professional Administrator License, with endorsements in Administrator (PK-12),
38 valid from June 1, 2017, through June 1, 2022. During all relevant times, Jones was
39 employed by the Coquille School District (CSD) as Director of Campuses at the
40 Winter Lakes Schools.

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2 2. On May 14, 2019, TSPC received a School District Misconduct Report from the CSD
3 Superintendent. The report indicates Jones failed to report a male student's (DT)
4 inappropriate behavior towards a female student to law enforcement in October of
5 2017. In March of 2019, it was reported that the same male student, DT, sexually
6 assaulted a different female student. Jones failed to report this information to law
7 enforcement as well. Law enforcement learned of the assault when the same female
8 student reported the matter to a different school staff member, who did report the
9 matter to law enforcement. Based on this information, law enforcement investigated
10 the matter and filed multiple criminal sexual assault charges against DT. Seven
11 victims were identified by the law enforcement investigation, all minor aged females.
12 CSD issued Jones a Letter of Reprimand for failing to comply with mandatory
13 reporting obligations and placed Jones on unpaid administrative leave for ten days.
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15 3. On February 27, 2020 Jones met with TSPC investigative staff in the presence of
16 Jones' attorney for an in-person interview. During that interview, Jones admitted he
17 failed to make a mandatory report by failing to report these matters to his supervisor
18 and law enforcement. Jones indicated that CSD reprimanded him for failing to make
19 a mandatory report and stated that he did not contest the district's actions because
20 he "understood that he failed." During the interview, Jones also indicated that he
21 had learned student-to-student harassment reports should be handled with the same
22 level of seriousness as adult-to-student harassment reports. Jones reported to TSPC
23 investigative staff that this was a "huge wake-up call on reporting."
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25 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 26 1. Paul A. Jones' conduct, as described above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation
27 of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
28 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful
29 and reasonable rules and regulations), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(s) (Failing to report
30 child abuse pursuant to ORS 419B.010).
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33 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
34 342.175.
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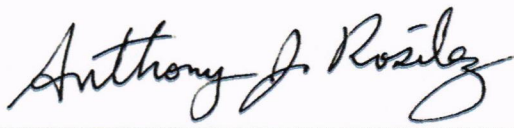
36 **FINAL ORDER**

37 The Commission hereby issues a public reprimand upon Paul A. Jones' Oregon
educator license.

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IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 22nd day of September, 2020.

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.