BEFORE THE TEACHIS STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 1 2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON STIPULATION OF FACTS 3 In the Matter of the 4 AND FINAL ORDER OF Educator License of 5 6 7 PUBLIC REPRIMAND DARREN E. GOODMAN On March 19, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the La Grande School District (District) indicating 8 9 Darren E. Goodman (Goodman) may have committed an act of gross neglect of duty 10 and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the District reported that Goodman engaged in unprofessional behavior and consumed alcohol while on-duty at an off-campus venue. 11 After review of the matters alleged, Goodman and the Commission agree that 12 their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a 13 stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a public reprimand. 14 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the 15 sanction to be imposed. Goodman stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in 16 the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law 17 set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Goodman waives the right to a hearing 18 to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below. 19 By signing below, Goodman acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to 20 the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest 21 the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally 22 waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of 23 Facts and Final Order of Public Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this 24 Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon 25 request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and 26 subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not 27 approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Goodman nor the 28 Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and 29 Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or 30 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of 31 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has 32

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

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attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
 the Stipulated Final Order below.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

The Commission has licensed Goodman since September 25, 2018. Goodman holds a Principal License, with an endorsement in Principal (PK-12), valid from March 12, 2020, through January 13, 2024. During all relevant times, Goodman was employed by the La Grande School District (LGSD).

2. On March 19, 2020, the Commission received information from the LGSD indicating Goodman may have committed acts which constitute gross neglect of duty. Specifically, the LGSD reported that on March 12, 2020, while at an off-campus venue, Goodman behaved in an unprofessional manner around students and Goodman also consumed alcohol while on duty in violation of district policy.

3. Investigation determined that Goodman was hired by the LGSD with duties as an administrator at the high school and as the district's athletic director. On Thursday, March 12, 2020, the high school's female basketball team travelled to Forest Grove to play in a tournament. Goodman also traveled to the tournament separate from the team. In transit, Goodman learned the tournament was cancelled and the team was returning La Grande. At approximately 12:00 PM, a parent contacted Goodman to coordinate a meal for the team in The Dalles. At approximately 12:30 PM, Goodman arrived at the dining venue, a brew pub, to make dining arrangements for the team which was expected to arrive at 1:00 PM. While waiting for the team, Goodman consumed a beer on the patio of the venue. At approximately 12:45 PM, the team arrived early to the venue and were seated. Several students and members of the coaching staff observed from the dining area that Goodman was on the patio and consuming a beer. The witnesses reported that when Goodman finished consuming the beer, he immediately joined the team for the meal.

4. The district conducted an investigation and found Goodman failed to follow district policies regarding staff conduct and a drug free workplace. Goodman was given a Letter of Reprimand and suspended for three (3) days without pay.

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 upon Darren E. Goodman's Oregon educator license. Issued and dated this day of February, 2022. TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION STATE OF OREGON By	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Teacher Standards and Practices Commission Trent Danowski, Deputy Director Date Date					
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