

1 1. Skones holds a standard teaching license with a music
2 endorsement that expires on December 14, 1999.

3 2. During the 1996-97 school year, Skones was employed as a
4 music teacher at Marshfield High School in the Coos Bay School
5 District.

6 3. On December 9, 1996, Skones was arrested for assaulting
7 his wife in Coos Bay, Oregon. A Restraining Order was issued
8 against him on April 7, 1997 restraining him from having contact
9 with his wife.

10 4. On April 10, 1997, the Coos Bay School District placed
11 Skones on administrative leave for failure to report for his
12 teaching duties on April 8-10, 1997 and for his failure to provide
13 any notice to the District of his absence. Skones was placed on
14 leave without pay by the District on April 22, 1997.

15 5. On April 14, 1997, Skones was arrested for violating the
16 Restraining Order.

17 6. On April 19, 1997, Skones was arrested and charged with
18 Contempt of Court (violating the Restraining Order), Burglary I,
19 Menacing and Kidnapping II. The charges were based on allegations
20 that he entered his estranged wife's home, threatened her with a
21 hammer, and tried to force her to accompany him against her will.
22 Ultimately, on June 19, 1997, Skones pled guilty to the charge of
23 Attempted Kidnapping II, a felony.

24 7. Skones was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 60 months
25 probation and a fine of \$5,967.

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1 8. On June 12, 1997, Skones resigned his teaching position
2 with the Coos Bay School District.

3 Skones enters into this Stipulation of Facts with the
4 knowledge that TSPC will adopt an Order of Suspension and place him
5 on three (4) years' Probation and impose additional conditions for
6 the reinstatement of his license. This Stipulation is contingent
7 upon the approval and adoption of the Order by the Commission. If
8 the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Skones nor the
9 Commission are bound by these stipulations and he retains all
10 rights to a hearing on the allegations.

11 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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13 Paul A. Skones
14 Paul Allen Skones

15 June 15, 1998
16 Date

17 David V. Myton
18 David V. Myton, Executive Secretary
19 Teacher Standards and Practices
20 Commission

21 7/17/98
22 Date

23 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

24 The conduct described in the Findings of Fact 4 constitutes
25 gross neglect of duty as that term is defined under ORS 342.175(1)
26 and OAR 584-20-040(4). The conduct described in the other
27 paragraphs in the Findings of Fact constitute gross unfitness as
28 that term is defined in ORS 342.175(1) and OAR 584-20-040(5).

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ORDER

BASED ON THE FOREGOING STIPULATIONS, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The teaching license of Skones is suspended for a period of six (6) months commencing from June 11, 1998.
2. The Commission shall place Skones on probation for four (4) years from the date of this Order. While on probation, Skones shall:
 - a. Conduct himself as a law abiding citizen and notify TSPC within 30 (thirty) days if he is arrested or charged with any crime;
 - b. Provide documentation required by TSPC, including submission to a psychological evaluation by a mutually agreeable psychologist, so that TSPC can ensure he is not a danger to himself or others;
 - c. Comply with the terms of the sentence imposed for his felony conviction; and
 - d. Abide by all Commission requirements, including but not limited to, those articulated in OAR 584, Division 20.

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1 Violation of any terms of probation shall constitute a basis for the
2 Commission to revoke Skones' license, after first providing to Skones
3 notice and an opportunity for hearing.

4 DATED this 15 day of June 1998.

5 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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7 By: David V. Myton 7/17/98
8 David V. Myton, Executive Director

8 Approved as to Form:

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10 Margaret A. Olney 6/17/98
11 Margaret Olney Date
12 Attorney for Skones

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