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In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of) STIPULATION, SURRENDER OF
DORIS ELIZABETH MYERS) LICENSE AND ORDER
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On September 25, 1997, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for hearing to Doris Elizabeth Myers. Thereafter Ms. Myers requested a hearing through her attorney, Margaret S. Olney. The Commission and Ms. Myers have now reviewed the issues connected with this proceeding and have determined that their respective interest and the public interest is best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a surrender of Ms. Myers' Oregon teaching license. Ms. Myers understands in entering this stipulation that the Commission will accept her surrender of her teaching license and will revoke her teaching license.

STIPULATED FACTS

Ms. Myers and the Commission stipulate as follows:

1. Ms. Myers holds a standard Oregon teaching license with an endorsement in Elementary Education and Handicapped Learners.
2. Ms. Myers was employed as a teacher of special education by the Springfield School District from January 8, 1986 to January 23, 1996.

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1 3. During the 1995-96 school year, Ms. Myers taught at
2 Elizabeth Page Elementary School in a classroom for
3 children diagnosed as seriously emotionally disturbed.

4 4. In November 1995 the school principal received a
5 complaint from a classroom aide concerning Ms. Myers'
6 teaching methods, disciplinary methods and interactions
7 with staff in her classroom. As a result the district
8 conducted an investigation and on January 22, 1996, the
9 district gave notice to Ms. Myers of the district's
10 intent to dismiss her from her position as a teacher in
11 the district.

12 5. On January 23, 1996, Ms. Myers entered into a negotiated
13 agreement with the district that included her resignation
14 effective January 30, 1996, and her entitlement to early
15 retirement.

16 6. Ms. Myers has denied and continues to deny that she
17 engaged in conduct that would warrant disciplinary action
18 by the Commission. However, Ms. Myers has now retired
19 from the teaching profession and is actively engaged in
20 other employment. Because she does not intend to return
21 to teaching and because she does not believe it would be
22 beneficial to her or to the staff, children and parents
23 of the school to go through a contested case hearing, Ms.
24 Myers agrees to surrender her Oregon teaching license and
25 to enter into this stipulation and order. In entering
26 this stipulation, Ms. Myers understands that the

1 Commission will accept the surrender of her teaching
2 license and will enter an order revoking that license.

3 7. Although Ms. Myers does not admit she violated Commission
4 standards, she stipulates that there is substantial
5 evidence in the record for the Commission to make the
6 findings of fact contained in this order.

7 8. The Commission finds that in November and December 1995
8 Ms. Myers used inappropriate disciplinary methods towards
9 one or more children in her classroom that were not
10 authorized by the children's behavior plans or their
11 individualized education programs.

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13 *Doris Myers* _____
14 Doris Elizabeth Myers Date

15 *David V. Myton* _____
16 David V. Myton Date 2/24/98
17 Executive Director
18 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that Ms. Myers violated OAR 584-20-0040(4). The Commission accepts the surrender of the teaching license of Doris Elizabeth Myers and orders that Ms. Myers's Oregon teaching license shall be revoked on the effective date of this order.

DATED this 18th day of March ~~February~~ 1998.

David V. Myton 3/18/98
Date
David V. Myton
Executive Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

APPROVED TO AS FORM:

Margaret S. Olney 2/18/98
Date
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