

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the
Teaching License of

STACI BLOOM

STIPULATION AND ORDER
OF SUSPENSION ~~of the~~ ^{Teacher Standards}
and Practices Commission

On January 21, 2000, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Staci Bloom. Thereafter, Ms. Bloom requested a hearing through her Attorney, Mr. Nelson Hall. The Commission and Ms. Bloom have now reviewed the issues connected with this proceeding and have determined that their respective interests and the public interest are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a suspension of Ms. Bloom's Oregon Teaching License, followed by a period of probation. Ms. Bloom understands that in entering this stipulation she is waiving her right to a hearing, and the Commission will enter a suspension of her teaching license. She further understands that upon reinstatement of her license, she will be placed on probation subject to specific conditions.

STIPULATED FACTS

Ms. Bloom and the Commission stipulate as follows:

1. Ms. Bloom holds a Basic Oregon Teaching License with an endorsement in elementary education. From 1990 through 1997, she taught for the Sweet Home School District. During the 1996-97 school year, she was employed as a sixth grade teacher at Hawthorne Elementary School in the Sweet Home School District. She is currently substitute teaching in the Eugene School District.

2. During the 1996-97 school year, Staci Bloom committed the following acts towards three instructional assistants at Hawthorne Elementary School in the Sweet Home School District: (a) lifted her skirt and exposed her otherwise clothed buttocks to two assistants; (b) reported on Internet conversation with "Joey" to two assistants; (c) reported on playing "hide and seek" with her husband to one assistant; (d) passed gas while sitting on the lap of one

1 assistant; (e) recounted a conversation of a sexual nature to three assistants; (f) asked one male
2 assistant about erections at school; and (g) commented about "big boobs" in front of staff.

3 3. During the 1996-97 school year, Staci Bloom committed the following acts
4 towards students: (a) reported to a sixth grade class a dispute with her husband about the time
5 she spent on the Internet; and (b) sang a song to her sixth grade class about "my vagina."

6 4. Ms. Bloom acknowledges that her behavior was inappropriate. She states she is
7 embarrassed by her behavior. She points out that as a result of her behavior she has to resign
8 from her position with the District. She also notes that she has had no such incidences since her
9 departure from the Sweet Home School District.

10 Staci Bloom
11 Staci Bloom

July 8, 2000
Date

12 David V. Myton
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14 Executive Director
15 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

7/10/00
Date

16 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

17 Staci Bloom's actions toward the instructional assistants constituted gross neglect of duty
18 by sexual harassment in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(l). Her actions toward the students
19 constituted gross neglect of duty by substantial deviation from professional standards of
20 competency in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(n).

21 **ORDER**

22 The Oregon Teaching License of Staci Bloom shall be suspended for a period of thirty
23 days from the date of this order. During the period of suspension, she shall be evaluated by a
24 qualified psychologist or psychologist associate of the Commission's choosing and shall comply
25 with that provider's treatment recommendations. She shall provide the provider with a copy of
26 the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, this Order and the Investigation Report in this matter

1 prior to receiving that evaluation. She shall provide a copy of any treatment plan recommended
2 by the service provider to the Commission. At the expiration of the period of suspension,
3 Ms. Bloom's teaching license shall be reinstated upon her application.

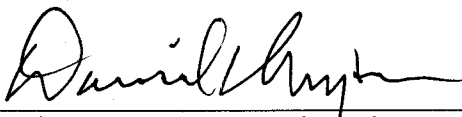
4 Following reinstatement of her license, Ms. Bloom shall be placed on probation for a
5 period of two years subject to the following conditions:

- 6 1. Ms. Bloom shall meet any requirements of the treatment plan of the qualified
7 treatment provider.
- 8 2. Ms. Bloom shall, at her own expense, participate in an intensive education
9 program for sexual harassment with a qualified educator of the Commission's choosing.
- 10 3. Ms. Bloom shall comply with all TSPC standards under OAR 584, Division 20.
- 11 4. Ms. Bloom shall provide to the Commission such information as the Commission
12 requests to verify that she has complied with the conditions of probation, including a statement
13 from her employing school district, if any, that she has complied with Standards of Competent
14 and Ethical performance of Educators under OAR 584, Division 20.

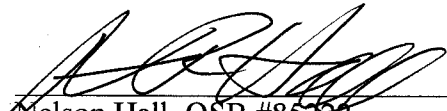
15 Violation of the terms of this probation may constitute an independent basis for the
16 Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Ms. Bloom's Oregon Teaching
17 License and subject to Ms. Bloom's right to a hearing on the issue of whether she violated probation.

18 DATED this 17th day of July 2000.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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21 By: 
22 David V. Myton, Executive Director

23 Approved as to form:

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25 Nelson Hall, OSB #85222
26 Of Attorneys for Staci Bloom

Date