BEFORE THE 1 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION 2 STATE OF OREGON 3 In the Matter of the 4 Teaching License of DOUGLAS DEAN PARK STIPULATION, PUBLIC 5 REPRIMAND and ORDER OF PROBATION 6 and In the Matter of Denial of the Administrative License of 9 DOUGLAS DEAN PARK, 10 On August 20, 1996, the Teacher Standards and Practices 11 Commission (Commission) issued an Amended Notice of Hearing to 12 Douglas Dean Park (Park). Under this notice, the Commission 13 acknowledged Park's request for a hearing based on the denial of 14 his application for an administrative license. On August 20, 15 1996, the Commission also issued a Notice of Hearing concerning 16 Park's teaching license and proposed to suspend, revoke or 17 otherwise discipline Park. Park requested a hearing to contest 18 the allegations contained in the notices. After a review of the 19 matters alleged, the parties have agreed that their respective 20 interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a 21

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imposed, and the basis for the Commission's order.

stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a public

reprimand and a period of probation. This agreement sets forth

the facts upon which the parties have agreed, the sanction to be

STIPULATED FACTS

2 Park and the Commission agree that the following facts are

3 true:

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4 1. Park holds a standard Oregon teaching license with

5 endorsements in social studies and physical education. On August

6 11, 1996, Park applied for an administrative license, and his

7 application was denied based on the misconduct described below.

8 2. On May 17, 1996, Park entered a plea of guilty in Marion

9 County District Court to the crime of Theft II, based on the

10 charge that he committed theft of money, checks or property, from

11 the Salem-Keizer School District with a total value of \$50 or

12 more. The court accepted Park's plea of guilty, placed Park on

13 probation for a period of 24 months, subject to the conditions

14 that he perform 160 hours of community service, that he not teach

15 during the period of probation, and that he pay restitution and

16 court costs. Under the terms of Park's plea agreement, the

17 charges against him will be dismissed if Park successfully

18 completes all terms of probation.

19 3. This case concerns Park's mishandling of accounts when

20 Park was in charge of supervising a student store at Leslie Middle

21 School. He maintains that the overpayments he received were the

22 result of poor recordkeeping rather than a deliberate attempt to

23 steal money from the school. Park agreed to repay approximately

24 \$380 to the school. Park failed to maintain adequate records.

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The parties acknowledge that upon execution of this 1 stipulation, the Commission will enter an order denying Park's 2 application for an administrative license at this time, and 3 issuing a public reprimand and period of probation with respect to 4 Park's teaching license. 5 This stipulation and order is subject to review and approval 6 by the full Commission. Should the Commission fail to approve 7 this stipulation and proposed order as written, it is understood 8 that any waiver of rights by Park is therefore revoked. 9 10 further understood that those statements contained in this stipulation may not be used by either party for any reason should 11 the Commission fail to approve the stipulation and proposed order. 12 13 IT IS SOISTIPULATED: 14 Douglas Dean Hark 15 16 Executive Secretary of Teacher Standards and Practices Commission 17 CONCLUSION OF LAW 18 19 Park's conduct constitutes a violation of the Standards for 20 Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under 21 OAR 584-20-040(4)(b) and (5)(e). 22 DISCUSSION Although the misconduct in this case concerns Park's 23 professional duties at school, it appears to the Commission that 24 his conduct did not involve the deliberate misappropriation of 25 school funds. For this reason, the Commission elects to impose 26

the relatively mild sanction of a public reprimand and period of 1 2 probation as to Park's teaching license. 3 Because administrators have significant fiscal 4 responsibilities, the Commission concludes it would not be 5 appropriate to approve Park's application for an administrative license at this time. 6 7 ORDER 8 1. The Commission imposes a public reprimand on 9 Douglas Dean Park, and this Order shall serve as the public 10 reprimand. The Commission places Mr. Park on probation for a period 11 of two years subject to the following conditions: $\mathbb{Q}^{\mathbb{Q}}$ 12 13 That he shall violate no law; a. 14 b. That he shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under 15 OAR 584, Division 20; and 16 C. That he shall comply with all requirements of his criminal probation to the court. 17 18 Violation of any terms of Park's probation shall constitute a basis for the Commission to revoke Park's teaching license, after 19 20 first providing to Park notice and opportunity for a hearing on 21 the issue of whether he has violated his probation. 22 The Commission affirms the denial of Park's application 3. for an administrative license. If Park should reapply for an 23 24 administrative license at a future date, the Executive Secretary 111 25 111 26

1	is directed to approve the application if Park at the time has met
2	all requirements for an administrative license, and if he has
3	successfully completed his probation to the Commission and his
4 5	probation to the court. DATED this 21st of September, 1996.
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·	By: David V. Myton, Executive Secretary
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