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

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
4 Teaching License of) AND
5 Patrick Stephen Zosel) ORDER OF REPRIMAND
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7 On or about January 18, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
8 (Commission) received a report from Duane Yecha, Superintendent, Reedsport School District,
9 indicating that Patrick Stephen Zosel referred to a male special education student in a
10 derogatory manner.

11 After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Zosel and the Executive Director agree that their
12 respective interests, together with the public interests, are best served by a stipulation to certain
13 facts and a reprimand.

14 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and to the sanction to
15 be imposed. Mr. Zosel stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's
16 files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In
17 entering into this stipulation, Mr. Zosel waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of
18 fact, conclusion of law and order set forth below.

19 The stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
20 Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Zosel nor the
21 Commission are bound by these stipulations and Mr. Zosel retains all rights to a hearing on the
22 allegations.

23 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

24 1. The Commission has licensed Patrick Stephen Zosel since December 3, 1974.
25 Mr. Zosel holds a Five Year Professional Technical License issued September 25, 2001, valid
26 through May 30, 2007, with an endorsement in Engineering Technology.

27 2. Mr. Zosel was employed by the Reedsport School District beginning in September of
28 1996 through June of 2005.

1 3. On April 7, 1999, the District issued a Letter of Reprimand to Mr. Zosel for violating
2 district policy by chewing tobacco on campus after repeated verbal warnings not to do so.

3 4. On January 11, 2005, Mr. Zosel referred to a male student as a "pussy assed bitch".

4 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

5 Patrick Stephen Zosel violated OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-
6 020-0010(5) and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) when he failed to demonstrate a commitment to use
7 professional judgment in communicating with a student. Mr. Zosel violated OAR 584-020-
8 0040(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) when he failed to demonstrate skill in using
9 district lawful and reasonable rules by using tobacco products on school property. This
10 misconduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty. The Commission's authority to impose discipline
11 in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

12 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

13 Patrick S. Zosel
14 Patrick Stephen Zosel

2-15-06
Date

15 Victoria Chamberlain
16 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
17 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

2-1-06
Date

18 **ORDER**

19 The Commission imposes a Public Reprimand upon Patrick Stephen Zosel. This
20 Stipulation of Facts and Order constitute the Reprimand

21 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10 day of March 2006.

22 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

23 By Victoria Chamberlain
24 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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26 Approved as to form:

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29 John S. Bishop, OSB # 89022
30 Attorney for Patrick Stephen Zosel

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