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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS,
Teaching License of) AND FINAL ORDER OF
PETE RICHARD PIAZZA) REVOCATION OF LICENSURE

On or about June 5, 2006, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
(Commission) received a report from a patron of the Grant School District, indicating that Pete
Piazza (Piazza) struck a student.

After review of the matters alleged, Mr. Piazza and the Commission agree that their
respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
facts and revocation of her teaching license, pursuant to ORS 342.175(3).

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have stipulated and the sanction to
be imposed. Mr. Piazza stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's
files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In
entering into this stipulation, Mr. Piazza waives the right to a hearing to contest the finding of
fact, conclusion of law and order set forth below. Mr. Piazza understands that the Commission
will revoke his right to apply for a teaching license for one year.

This stipulation is contingent upon approval and adoption of the Order by the
Commission. If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Mr. Piazza nor the
Commission are bound by these Stipulations and Mr. Piazza retains all rights to a hearing on
the allegations.

STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. The Commission first licensed Mr. Piazza on July 22, 1996. Mr. Piazza's Basic
Teaching License, with a Basic Social Studies endorsement, was issued May 23, 2006 and
expired May 22, 2009. Mr. Piazza has not applied to renew his license.

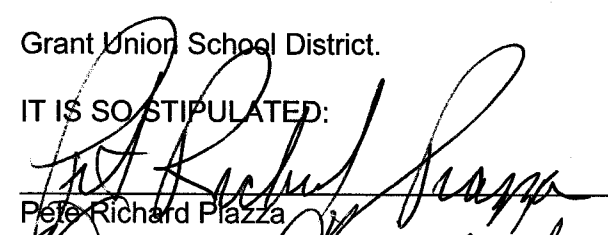
1 2. Mr. Piazza coached the Mt. Vernon Middle School wrestling team. On or about
2 February 21, 2004, following a student's loss of a wrestling match Mr. Piazza yelled and pushed
3 the student more than once.

4 3. On or about April 25, 2006, during a track team practice at Grant Union High School
5 track field, Mr. Piazza struck a student who is also Mr. Piazza's son, in the mouth and stomach,
6 with an open hand.


7 4. Mr. Piazza utilized school district computers to exchange sexually explicit images and
8 email messages with an adult female friend.

9 5. Following the allegations of inappropriate internet use, Mr. Piazza retired from the
10 Grant Union School District.

11 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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13 Pete Richard Piazza

9 Feb 2010
Date

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

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Date

17 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

18 Mr. Piazza pushed and yelled at a student during an athletic event as described in
19 paragraph 2 above. This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-
20 020-0040(4)(e).

21 Mr. Piazza struck a student, who was also his son, on school grounds as described in
22 paragraph 3 above. This conduct constituted Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-
23 020-0040(4)(d); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 594-020-0010(5).

24 Mr. Piazza used a school district computer to send and receive sexually explicit material
25 as described in paragraph 4 above. This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation
26 of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is
27 based upon ORS 342.175.

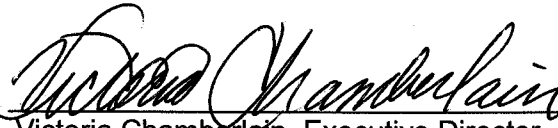
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ORDER

The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts and Revokes Mr. Pete Richard
Piazza's Right to Apply for a License for one year.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of February, 2010.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director