

- 1 2. During all relevant times Parsons was employed by the South Umpqua School District
2 as the Superintendent.
- 3 3. On April 27 and 30, 2007, Ms. Parsons sent an email from her school district computer
4 to district staff, during work hours, in support of and in opposition to candidates for
5 school district board positions. The April 27 email contained specific instructions to
6 public employees who were her subordinates to contribute financially to campaigns.
7 ORS 260.432 prohibits public employees from promoting or opposing a candidate while
8 on the job during working hours or in their official capacity, and forbids any persons from
9 attempting to or actually requiring public employees to support or oppose a candidate.
10 In December 2007, the Oregon Secretary of State found that Ms. Parsons' actions
11 violated Oregon election laws and imposed a \$250 fine for the conduct.
- 12 4. Sending such email violated Oregon law, specifically ORS 260.432(2) and ORS
13 260.432(1).

14 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

15 Ms. Parsons' use of school district computers and work time in furtherance of a political
16 activity constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-
17 0040(4)(a) (*Knowing and substantial unauthorized use of: school name or financial credit;*
18 *school materials or equipment for personal purposes; or school personnel to provide*
19 *personal services unrelated to school business*) and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it
20 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(2)(e) (*Not use the district's or school's name, property, or*
21 *resources for noneducational benefit or purposes without approval of the educator's*
22 *supervisor or the appointing authority*) and OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of*
23 *the profession by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and*
24 *honesty*). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
25 ORS 342.175.

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FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby imposes a Reprimand on the licensure of Beverly Joan Parsons.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14th day of May, 2010.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing notice of final order, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Beverly Joan Parsons
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Dated this 12th day of July, 2010.

By:



Melody Hanson
Executive Assistant