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Robert Petterson (59158)
Discipline Order

- 1 3. Commission investigation determined that on or about May 12, 2014, while on the
2 school playground with students, Petterson attempted to redirect a student who was
3 ignoring the direction of another teacher. Petterson physically picked up the student,
4 moved him back to the playground and forcibly sat him on a bench. Investigators
5 determined that Petterson's use of force was unnecessary and excessive and caused
6 the student's arms to redden.
- 7 4. The Commission investigation determined Petterson has established a pattern of
8 inappropriate communications with students and patrons. On or about March 4,
9 2011, Petterson observed a student drilling holes in a work bench. Petterson
10 addressed the student with "What the fuck are you doing?!" On or about September
11 2013, Petterson was counseled about using the term "Pussy" towards students to
12 describe their inability to perform physical tasks or who displayed physical
13 weakness. Petterson was also advised not to employ physical forms of punishment,
14 forcing students to run laps or perform pushups. On or about October 2013,
15 Petterson told a parent that "Your 'Give a shit meter' was running on empty". On or
16 about November 2013, Petterson again used the term "Pussy" to describe a student's
17 poor effort or ability and directed the student to perform pushups. On or about
18 December 2013, Petterson was reprimanded for throwing a chair and his keys in a
19 moment of anger during class and in the presence of students. Interviewed students
20 advised that Petterson continues to use disparaging terms like "Pussy" towards
21 students.

22 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

23 Petterson's conduct described above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
24 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
25 0020(0010)(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each*
26 *individual*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-
27 0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in*
28 *communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*), OAR
29 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); and OAR
30 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or*
31 *visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).

1 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon
2 ORS 342.175.

3 **FINAL ORDER**

4 The Commission hereby revokes Robert Edward Petterson's educator license.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th day of May, 2015.

6 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION



7 By: _____
8 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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10 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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12 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW
13 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM
14 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE
15 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:

Robert Edward Petterson
179 Mountain View Avenue
Myrtle Creek, OR 97457-9720

Dated this 20th day of May, 2015.

By: Patty Liddell
Patty Liddell
Investigative Assistant