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

Teacher Standards &
Practices Commission

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Educator License of) FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND
GARY M. MEININGER)

On January 20, 2016, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Marcola School District, and on March 18, 2016, the Commission received an additional report from the Junction City School District. Both districts alleged professional misconduct (teaching on an expired license) on the part of licensed educator, Gary Meininger (Meininger).

After review of the matters alleged, Meininger and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a public reprimand.

By signing below, Meininger acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Meininger nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below.

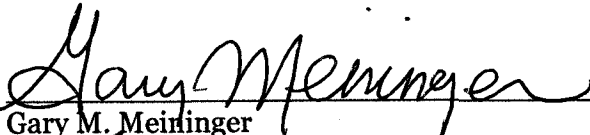
STIPULATION OF FACTS

1. Gary Meininger has been licensed by the Commission since August 15, 1979. Meininger's Substitute Teaching License, with an endorsement in Substitute Any Specialty (PP-12), is valid from May 31, 2016 through July 21, 2019. Prior to being issued


1 his Substitute Teaching License, Meininger held a Basic Teaching License that
2 was valid from July 22, 2012 through July 21, 2015. During all relevant times,
3 Meininger was employed by the Marcola School District and the Junction City
4 School District providing substitute teaching services.

- 5 2. The Commission received reports from the Marcola School District and the
6 Junction City School District advising that Meininger had unintentionally
7 neglected to renew his teaching license, resulting in Meininger providing
8 substitute teaching services on several occasions without a valid license.
9 Meininger was unaware that his Basic Teaching License had expired on July 21,
10 2015, so he continued to provide substitute teaching services to both districts.
11 Once Meininger was made aware of the situation, Meininger stopped teaching,
12 self-reported the situation, and made application for his Substitute Teaching
13 License. Meininger did not provide any teaching services once he became aware
14 his license had expired. Meininger's Substitute Teaching License was issued on
15 May 31, 2016.

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17 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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19 _____
20 Gary M. Meininger

_____ 1-30-2017
Date

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23 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director
24 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

_____ 2-6-2017
Date

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26 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

27 Gary M. Meininger's conduct as described above, violates professional standards.
28 Meininger's conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b);
29 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional*
30 *judgment*), and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(r) (*Working without a license*).

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

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ORDER

Based on the foregoing, the Commission hereby orders as follows:

1. The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Gary M. Meininger's Oregon educator license(s).

Issued and dated this 7th day of April, 2017.

**TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF OREGON**

By Monica Beane
Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director