

1 Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Keesee nor the Commission are bound by the terms
2 herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely;
3 (v) she voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and
4 consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no
5 promises or representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final
6 Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order
7 and has been fully advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to
8 consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and
9 entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties
10 have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Keesee stipulates that there are sufficient facts
11 contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions
12 of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Keesee waives the right to a hearing to
13 contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

14 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 15 1. The Commission has licensed Keesee since May 12, 1999. Keesee currently holds a
16 Continuing Teaching License with endorsements in Basic Mathematics (ML/HS),
17 Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL), and Special Education (ML/HS, ECE/ELE), which was
18 issued on August 4, 2010, and expires on August 3, 2015. During all relevant times,
19 Keesee was employed by the Sherwood School District.
- 20 2. On April 21, 2014, Keesee pled guilty to and was convicted of two counts of Sexual Abuse
21 in the second degree (ORS 163.425). Keesee was sentenced to thirty (30) days in jail,
22 followed by a period of probation, required to register as a sex offender, and ordered to
23 surrender her teaching license.
- 24 3. The above cited convictions arose from allegations that Keesee, on or about 2008 - 2009,
25 engaged in sexual contact with PF, a 16 year old male student at Sherwood High School.
26 Keesee's sexual contact with student PF included engaging in sexual intercourse. In

1 addition to Keesee's conduct that led to her criminal convictions, investigation
2 determined Keesee engaged in sexual conduct with another student. On or about 2011 -
3 2012, Keesee kissed AG, an 18 year old male student at Sherwood High School and sent
4 student AG nude photographs of herself electronically.

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6 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

7 Denise Ruth Keesee
8 Denise Ruth Keesee

1/30/15
Date

9 Victoria Chamberlain
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
11 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

2-10-15
Date

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13 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

14 Denise Ruth Keesee subjected a student, under the age of 18, to sexual contact. Keesee
15 was subsequently convicted of two counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree (ORS 163.425),
16 a class C Felony listed in ORS 342.143. Keesee's criminal conviction constitutes gross neglect of
17 duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-
18 020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(1)(n) (*ORS 163.425 -*
19 *Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree*). This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of
20 ORS 342.175(1)(c); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(d) (*Commission of an act listed in OAR 584-020-*
21 *0040(1)*), and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (*Admission of or engaging in acts constituting*
22 *criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction*).

23 Pursuant to ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584-020-0040(1) the Teacher Standards and
24 Practices Commission must revoke Keesee's license and her right to apply for a license based on
25 Keesee's conviction of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3)(a).

26 Keesee's conduct underlying her indictments and convictions, and her conduct with
27 student AG described above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b);

1 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional*
2 *judgment*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(k) (*knowing violation of any order or rule of the*
3 *Commission*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
4 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all*
5 *times*), OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a) (*Maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and*
6 *obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f)
7 (*Any sexual conduct with a student*). Additionally, Keesee's convictions and conduct constitute
8 "gross unfitness" in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c), OAR 584-020-0040(3)(a) and (d) as defined
9 by OAR 584-020-0040 (5) (*"Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator*
10 *unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities"*).

11 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
12 342.175.

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14 **ORDER**

15 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, permanently revokes Denise
16 Ruth Keesee's educator license, and permanently revokes Denise Ruth Keesee's right to apply
17 for an educator license.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of April, 2015.

19 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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21 By: Victoria Chamberlain
22 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I served the foregoing Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Revocation and Revocation of Right to Apply, certified by me as such, by mailing U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Denise Ruth Keesee
23566 SW Voss Place
Sherwood, OR 97140-8767

DATED this 15th day of April, 2015.

By: Patty Liddell
Patty Liddell
Investigative Assistant

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