

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

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
4 Teaching License of) AND FINAL ORDER OF
5 FORREST DEAN MCKINNIS) SUSPENSION
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7 On November 17, 2008, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
8 (Commission) received a report from Morrow County School District indicating that Forrest Dean
9 McKinnis (McKinnis) sold school district text books without permission and used the funds
10 received for personal purposes.

11 After review of the matters alleged, Mr. McKinnis and the Commission agree that their
12 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain
13 facts and the imposition of a ninety day suspension and four years of probation to commence
14 upon reinstatement.

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


1 with an attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

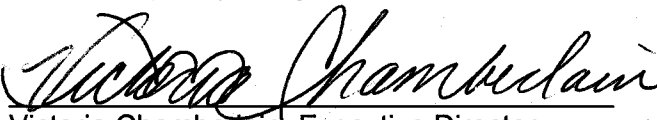
- 4 1. The Commission has licensed Mr. McKinnis since July 21, 2004. Mr. McKinnis holds an
5 Initial I Teaching License, authorized to teach health at the high school level, issued July
6 20, 2006, and valid through August 12, 2009.
- 7 2. Mr. McKinnis, while employed as a teacher and alternative education director in the
8 Morrow County School District, took forty-three district owned text books from the
9 Morrow Education Center without permission, sold the books through Ebay and used the
10 money he received from the sale of these books for personal purposes.
- 11 3. On February 12, 2009, Mr. McKinnis pled guilty and was convicted of Theft in the First
12 Degree, reduced to a Class A Misdemeanor, and Official Misconduct in the First Degree,
13 a Class A Misdemeanor.

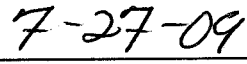
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15 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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17 _____
18 Forrest Dean McKinnis



Date

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21 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
22 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission



Date

23 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

24 Forrest Dean McKinnis sold school district property without permission and used the
25 proceeds for personal purposes. This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of
26 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(a) and Gross Unfitness in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c). The
27 Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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1 **ORDER**

2 The Initial I Teaching License of Forrest Dean McKinnis is suspended for a period of
3 ninety days from the date of this order. Upon reinstatement Mr. McKinnis will be placed on
4 probation for a period of four years. Mr. McKinnis shall submit a report verifying completion of a
5 court approved program for gambling addiction within sixty days of the date of this order.

6 Issued and dated this 10th day of August, 2009.

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

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11 By


Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director