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Teacher Standards & Practices Commission

BEFORE THE TEACHIS STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

<p>3 In the Matter of the Application for)</p> <p>4 Administrator License of)</p> <p>5 CHRISTINE JIRSA)</p>	<p>STIPULATION OF FACTS,</p> <p>ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO</p> <p>APPLY FOR LICENSURE AND PROBATION</p>
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On or about February 14, 2012, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received reports indicating that Ms. Christina Jirsa (Jirsa) may have engaged in conduct constituting gross neglect of duty.

The Commission charged Jirsa with gross neglect of duty on April 27, 2012. After review of the matters alleged, Jirsa and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the imposition of a suspension of her right to apply for licensure, followed by a four (4) year probation and monitoring period.

By signing below, Jirsa acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following:

- (i) she has been fully advised of her 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 Order of Suspension (Stipulation and Final Order);
- (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public by the Commission upon request;
- (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 Jirsa nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein;
- (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely;
- (v) she 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) she states that no promises or representations have been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and
- (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives

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

3 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

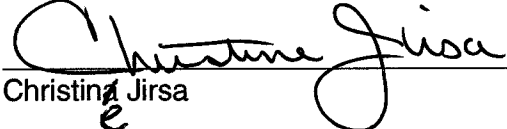
4 1. The Commission has licensed Jirsa since August 28, 2006. Jirsa held an Initial
5 Teaching License with an endorsement in Spanish, issued August 28, 2006, that expired August
6 28, 2009. Jirsa holds educator licenses in New Mexico, as a K-12 Spanish teacher and a Level-
7 Three Administrator, which expires in 2016. Jirsa applied for her Administrative License on
8 February 24, 2012, her application is currently pending. During all relevant times, Jirsa was
9 employed by the Mosier Community School (Charter) within the North Wasco School District
10 (NWSD).

11 2. On February 14, 2012 the Commission received a message from the North Wasco
12 School District indicating that Jirsa's name had returned on the state staff position report as an
13 "Error". NWSD indicated they had subsequently learned that Jirsa did not hold a valid Oregon
14 teaching license, administrative license, or charter school registration. NWSD reported that Jirsa
15 had been working as the Mosier Community School Principal since July of 2010.

16 3. The Commission conducted an investigation and determined that Jirsa contacted TSPC
17 staff by telephone in April of 2010 regarding Jirsa seeking information about applying for an
18 Oregon Administrative License. Jirsa was sent both an application and a related check sheet so
19 she could make application. Jirsa did not make application to TSPC until February 23, 2012. The
20 Commission's investigation indicates Jirsa had worked as the Mosier Community School Principal
21 from July 2010 until relieved of administrative duties on February 22, 2012; a period of
22 approximately 19 months.

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24 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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26 Christine Jirsa

6-22-12
Date

1 Victoria Chamberlain
2 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
3 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

6-25-12
Date

4 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

5 By engaging in the conduct in paragraph 3 above, Christina Jirsa engaged in gross neglect of duty
6 in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
7 *of professional judgment*), and OAR 584-050-0006(f) (The applicant has served in violation of OAR 584-
8 050-0035 *Must be Licensed, Registered or Certified at All Times While Employed*).

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

10 **ORDER**

11 The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact, conclusions of
12 law, and based thereon hereby imposes a thirty (30) day suspension of the right to apply for any
13 licensure.

14 Furthermore, the Commission imposes a four (4) year probation upon Jirsa to commence
15 the date of issuance of Jirsa's future licensure and subject to the following terms and conditions of
16 probation:

- 17 1. Jirsa shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon
18 Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

19 Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for the
20 Commission to revoke any Oregon license held by Jirsa or otherwise impose discipline, after first
21 providing Jirsa with notice and opportunity for hearing.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED this 20th day of July, 2012.

24 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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26 By: Victoria Chamberlain
27 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

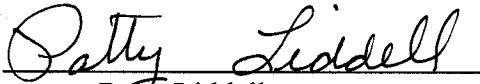
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

Christine Jirsa
2898 Hazel Avenue
Hood River, OR 97031-8007

DATED this 25th day of July, 2012.

By:



Patty Liddell
Patty Liddell
Investigative Assistant