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

In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
WHITNEY LEANN GALSTAD)
STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On or about November 30, 2009 the Teacher Standards and Practices
Commission (Commission) received a completed alleging Whitney Leann Galstad
(Galstad) served outside of the scope of her license.

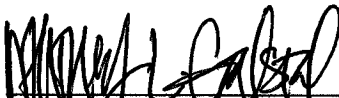
After review of the matters alleged, Galstad and the Commission agree that their
respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to
certain facts and the imposition of a 30 day suspension.

By signing below, Galstad 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 Final Order of Suspension (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 Galstad 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 promise or representation has
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 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.

1 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**


- 2 1. Whitney Galstad has been licensed as a teacher in Oregon since February 20, 2008. Her
3 current Restricted Transitional Teaching License issued on February 20, 2008, expires
4 on February 20, 2011.
- 5 2. Galstad worked as an English teacher for the Hermiston School District and served in a
6 temporary position as school counselor from January 2008 through June 2008. Galstad
7 was hired by the Echo School District as an English teacher and school counselor for the
8 2008/2009 school year. During these times she held only a Transitional Teaching
9 License with an endorsement in Language Arts at the high school level.
- 10 3. On July 14, 2010 Galstad applied for an Initial I School counseling License. With this
11 application Galstad attached a letter explaining that she was then under investigation
12 because she "did not have the word 'career' in front of the job title as 'counselor' on [her]
13 school blog or on [her] resume."
- 14 4. On the resume submitted to the Commission on February 8, 2008, Galstad listed her
15 career objective as "Obtain a position as a school counselor at Hermiston High School."
- 16 5. On her resume submitted with her June 17, 2008 cover letter in support of her
17 application to the Echo School District Galstad listed her career objective as "Obtain a
18 Career/English teaching and counseling position within the Echo School District."
19 Galstad under "Relevant Experience" listed "High School Counselor, Hermiston High
20 School, January 2008-Jun 2008." As part of that experience Galstad wrote that she,
21 "Provided guidance to students on an individual basis in the solution of problems". In
22 her cover letter, Galstad wrote that she occupied a temporary counseling position at
23 Hermiston High School and that her duties involved "guiding students in both academic
24 and personal decisions..."
- 25 6. During an interview with a Commission investigator Galstad denied serving as a school
26 counselor despite the school so identifying her, and despite her own documentation to
27 the contrary.

28 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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31 Whitney Leann Galstad

3/11/2011

Date

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34 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
35 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

Witney Leann Galstad served outside of her endorsement area when she accepted a position as a school counselor first with the Hermiston School District and again when she accepted such duties with the Echo School District. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(2)(a) (*Apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position of responsibility only on the basis of professional qualifications, and will adhere to the conditions of a contract or the terms of the appointment*).

Galstad was untruthful with the Commission when interviewed about these allegations. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Knowing falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties*).

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

ORDER

The Commission hereby imposes a 30 day suspension on the licensure of Whitney Leann Galstad.

Issued and dated this 16th day of May, 2011.

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

By 
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director