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BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF OREGON

MAR 31 2017

In the Matter of the)	STIPULATION OF FACTS AND	Teacher Standards &
Educator License of:)	FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF	Practices Commission
)	APPLICATION AND	
JONATHAN ALLAN BILDEN)	REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO APPLY	

On or about May 26, 2015, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received an application for a Charter School Registry-Administrator from Jonathan Allan Bilden (Bilden). Due to an affirmative answer on question number one of the application's character questions, Bilden's application was referred to investigations. Subsequent investigation indicated that applicant Bilden may have violated professional standards.

After review of the matters alleged, Bilden and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, the denial of Bilden's application for his Oregon educator license / registration, and the revocation of Bilden's right to apply for an Oregon educator license / registration.

This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated sanction to be imposed. Bilden stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

By signing below, Bilden 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 Denial of Application and Revocation of Right to Apply (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

1 this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Bilden nor the Commission are bound by the
2 terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it
3 completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final
4 Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that
5 no promises or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final
6 Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order
7 and has been fully advised with regard to his 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. In entering into this stipulation, Bilden waives
11 the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

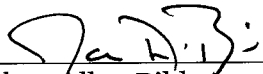
12 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 13 1) Bilden has never been licensed or registered as a teacher in Oregon. On May 26,
14 2015, the Commission received Bilden's application for a Charter School Registry -
15 Administrator. Bilden's application was referred to investigations due to an
16 affirmative answer on question number one of the character question section.
17 During all relevant times, Bilden had been employed by the Eagle Point School
18 District as a paid boys' basketball assistant coach and volunteer girls' volleyball
19 coach.
- 20 2) Bilden's completed TSPC application for a Charter School Registry-Administrator
21 was dated May 1, 2015, and signed by Bilden. As part of the application process,
22 Bilden was required to answer a series of character questions and provide a written
23 explanation for any affirmative answers. Bilden answered "yes" to character question
24 number one, "*Have you ever left any educational or school related employment,*
25 *voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation*
26 *of alleged misconduct? Have you ever left educational or school related*
27 *employment when you had reason to believe and investigation for misconduct was*
28 *underway or imminent?"* Bilden provided a written explanation for his affirmative
29 answer, advising that during the 2012-2013 school year, as a volunteer girls'

1 volleyball coach for the Eagle Point School District, he had been investigated for
2 possible inappropriate text messages with a female student athlete.

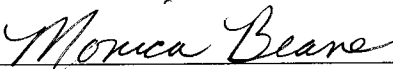
- 3 3) Investigation determined Bilden had been the subject of both a school district and
4 law enforcement investigation into a report filed by a student (JR) and her parent
5 regarding allegations of inappropriate communications, with the result being no
6 charges filed. It was further determined that between September 2012 and October
7 2012, Bilden engaged in the exchange of over 300 text messages with the female
8 student. This messaging occurred during school hours, on the weekends, and as late
9 as 11:15 p.m. JR told authorities that the texting made her feel uncomfortable.

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11 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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Jonathan Allan Bilden

3/23/2017

Date

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

4/7/2017

Date

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18 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

19 Jonathan Allan Bilden's conduct as described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in
20 violation ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
21 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and*
22 *reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-
23 0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a*
24 *student's personal life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B) (*Not accepting or giving or exchanging*
25 *romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student*), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
26 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all*
27 *times*).

1 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
2 342.175.

3 **ORDER**

4 The Commission adopts the above Stipulation of Facts, denies Jonathan Allan Bilden's
5 application for licensure / registration, and revokes his right to apply for an educator license /
6 registration.

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED this 7th day of April, 2017.

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10 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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12 By: Monica Beane
13 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director