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Teacher Standards
and Practices Commission

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

3	In the Matter of the Teaching)	
	License of:)	STIPULATION OF FACTS
4)	REVOCATION OF RIGHT TO
	SCOTT STEWART PIPPIN)	LICENSE REINSTATEMENT
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6	_____)	

7 On or about March 19, 1998, the Teacher Standards and
8 Practices Commission (the "Commission") issued a Notice of
9 Opportunity for Hearing to Scott Stewart Pippin ("Pippin") in
10 which the Commission proposed to suspend or revoke his teaching
11 license or otherwise impose discipline under ORS 342.177 based
12 upon the submittal of his teaching license which had been altered
13 to provide an incorrect expiration date. The Commission and
14 Pippin have now reviewed the matters alleged and agree that their
15 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best
16 served by a stipulation to certain facts, the revocation of
17 Pippin's license reinstatement rights and the imposition of
18 certain conditions for reinstatement of his license. This
19 agreement sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed
20 and the sanctions to be imposed. In entering into this
21 Stipulation, Pippin waives his right to a hearing to contest any
22 of the findings set forth below.

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1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 Pippin agrees and stipulates that evidence in the record
3 exists to support the following Findings of Fact by the Commission:

4 1. Pippin holds a standard teaching license that expired
5 on January 26, 1996. TSPC has no record of receiving an
6 Application for Renewal of Licensure from Pippin.

7 2. During the 1996-97 school year, Pippin was employed as
8 a teacher at Eddyville School in the Lincoln County School
9 District (the "District").

10 3. In December 1997, the District notified Pippin that it
11 did not have a copy of his current license on file and asked him
12 to forward a copy of his license. Pippin faxed a copy of his
13 license to the District.

14 4. When reviewing the license, the District noticed that
15 the type and font style on the license was different. On
16 December 19, 1997, the District faxed a copy of Pippin's license
17 to TSPC to verify authenticity. TSPC reported that the facsimile
18 provided by the District of Pippin's license was fraudulent, and
19 confirmed that his license had expired on January 26, 1996.

20 5. The District conducted an investigation and ultimately
21 concluded that the license had been altered, and that Pippin had
22 been teaching without a valid license.

23 6. On December 22, 1997, Pippin resigned his teaching
24 position.

25 Pippin enters into this Stipulation of Facts with the
26 knowledge that TSPC will adopt an Order revoking his license

1 reinstatement rights and imposing additional conditions for the
2 reinstatement of his license. This Stipulation is contingent
3 upon the approval and adoption of the Order by the Commission.
4 If the Commission does not adopt this Order, neither Pippin nor
5 the Commission are bound by these stipulations and he retains all
6 rights to a hearing on the allegations.

7 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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9 Scott S. Pippin
10 Scott Stewart Pippin

12-1-98
Date

11 David V. Myton
12 David V. Myton, Executive Secretary
13 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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Date

14 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

15 The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitutes
16 gross neglect of duty as that term is defined under
17 ORS 342.175(1) and OAR 584-20-040(4), as Pippin was employed as a
18 teacher without a valid license.

19 **OPINION**

20 Regardless of how it occurred, Pippin is ultimately
21 responsible for ensuring that he has obtained and maintained a
22 valid license. He violated the law and the terms of his teaching
23 contract by not maintaining a current teaching license. The
24 Commission views this failing seriously and believes that his
25 actions are directly related to Pippin's responsibilities to his
26 profession, employer and students. Because of his failure to

1 maintain a valid license, his classroom was disrupted by the need
2 to hire a substitute to finish out the school year.

3 Pippin will be eligible to reapply for an Oregon Teaching
4 License after a period of one year from the date of this Order.
5 If Pippin reapplies, in addition to all standard terms of
6 licensure, he shall document that he is a law-abiding citizen,
7 and that he can and has complied with OAR 584 chapter 20 — the
8 standards for competent and ethical performance by Oregon
9 educators. At the time of reapplication, Pippin shall be
10 required to present evidence of fitness to serve as an educator.

11 ORDER

12 BASED ON THE FOREGOING STIPULATIONS, IT IS ORDERED: Pippin's
13 right to have his license reinstated is revoked.

14 DATED this 3rd day of December 1998.

15 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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17 By: David V. Myton
18 David V. Myton, Executive Director

19 Approved as to Form:

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23 Attorney for Pippin

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