

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
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4 In the Matter of the )  
5 Teaching License of ) DEFAULT ORDER  
6 STACEY CARLSON ) SUSPENDING LICENSE  
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9 On or about September 13, 1999, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
10 received a complaint from Jer Pratton, Superintendent of Hermiston School District,  
11 indicating that Stacey Carlson had violated her contract by failing to provide 60 days'  
12 written notice prior to resignation. Under OAR 584-050-0020, the Commission  
13 informs the educator of intent to suspend the license on the basis of such complaints.  
14 The Executive Director took action to notify Ms. Carlson of intent to suspend her  
15 teaching license, and to inform her of her opportunity for hearing by letter dated  
16 October 8, 1999. The letter was sent by Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested  
17 #283 465 076. The receipt was signed by Stacey Carlson on October 23, 1999 and  
18 returned to TSPC on October 27, 1999. Ms. Carlson did not request a hearing.  
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20 FINDINGS OF FACT  
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- 22 1. On or about June 2, 1999 Stacey Carlson was offered a contract with the  
23 Hermiston School District. Carlson signed and returned the contract to the  
24 Hermiston School District for the 1999-2000 School year on or before June 12,  
25 1999.  
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27 2. On August 18, 1999, Ms. Carlson submitted a letter of resignation and giving  
28 the Hermiston School District notice of intent to resign her position as a sixth  
29 grade teacher at Sandstone Middle School effective on August 18, 1999, seven  
30 days prior to the first day teachers were to report for duty for the 1999-2000  
31 school year.  
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33 3. Meeting in regular session on September 7, 1999, the Hermiston School Board  
34 of Directors took action to seek a suspension of Stacey Carlson's Teaching  
35 license for the balance of the 1999-2000 school year and accept her resignation.  
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37 4. The Hermiston School District informed TSPC of this action in a letter dated  
38 September 8, 1999, requesting the suspension of Stacey Carlson's Teaching  
39 license.  
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41 ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT  
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43 Stacey Carlson signed an employment contract with the Hermiston School District on  
44 or about June 12, 1999. Ms. Carlson submitted a letter of resignation, dated August  
45 18, 1999, effective immediately.  
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

ORS 342.553 requires the suspension of a license for the balance of the school year for failure to provide 60 days' notice prior to resignation. If the charge of the contract violation is proven, and justification for the contract violation is not satisfactory, the Commission is required to suspend the license for the remainder of the school year. The Commission's decision is final.

ORDER

The Commission suspends the Oregon Teaching License #303414, issued to Stacey Carlson, for violation of contract by resignation without providing 60 days' written notice.

Dated this 22 day of Nov, 1999.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By David V. Myton  
David V. Myton, Executive Director

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ACTION OF THE COMMISSION TO SUSPEND LICENSES FOR CONTRACT VIOLATIONS UNDER ORS 342.553 ARE FINAL AND MAY NOT BE APPEALED.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me as such by regular U.S. First Class Mail and by U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested to:

Stacey Carlson  
86103 Yakima River Road  
West Richland, WA 99353

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 1999.

By Charlene A. Smith  
Charlene A. Smith  
Executive Assistant to the Commission