

1                   BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

2   OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the  
4 Teaching License of

5 GEORGE HENRY DEINES

OAH Case No. 118580

DEFAULT ORDER

6           On October 14, 2003, the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
7 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to George Henry Deines in which the  
8 Commission proposed to suspend or revoke the teaching license of Mr. Deines or otherwise  
9 impose discipline under ORS 342.177 based on the allegations set forth in the Notice.  
10 Mr. Deines requested a hearing through his attorney Thomas Doyle, and the case was assigned to  
11 Administrative Law Judge Ken L. Betterton and scheduled for hearing on April 5, 2005. On  
12 March 28, 2005, Mr. Doyle wrote a letter to the Commission, withdrawing his request for a  
13 hearing and acknowledging that the Commission would enter an order against Mr. Deines by  
14 default. The Commission therefore finds Mr. Deines to be in default, and based on the record in  
15 this case, enters the findings, conclusions and order set forth below.

16   **FINDINGS OF FACT**

17           1.       Mr. Deines holds a Limited Oregon Teaching License which is effective through  
18 August 30, 2005. He was employed as a Junior ROTC teacher at North Salem High School in  
19 the Salem-Keizer School District from May 16, 1995 to September 1, 2003, when he resigned his  
20 teaching position after being placed on administrative leave since October 3, 2002.

21           2.       Beginning in 1999, Mr. Deines made inappropriate sexual advances towards a  
22 female 10<sup>th</sup> grade student who was enrolled in the Junior ROTC program at the high school. Mr.  
23 Deines told the student that he had a crush on her and asked the student if she had a crush on

1 him. Thereafter Mr. Deines initiated physical contact on numerous occasions when the student  
2 was alone with him in his office or in other areas at the school. These contacts included touching  
3 the student on her body, hugging her and kissing her.

4 3. On at least three occasions, Mr. Deines touched and fondled the student on her  
5 breasts and her pubic area. On at least two occasions, Mr. Deines had oral sex or attempted to  
6 have oral sex with the student by contact between his mouth and the student's vaginal area.

7 4. The sexual contacts between Deines and the student continued from 1999 until  
8 about December of 2002 when the student dropped out of the Junior ROTC program.

9 5. All of the sexual contacts were initiated by Mr. Deines.

10 6. On November 8, 2002, an Amended Information was filed in Marion County  
11 Circuit Court, charging Mr. Deines with two counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, based  
12 on allegations of sexual conduct towards the female student.

13 7. Pursuant to plea negotiations, Mr. Deines entered a plea of No Contest to the  
14 reduced charge of Harassment in Marion County Circuit Court on August 7, 2003. The court  
15 placed Mr. Deines on probation for 12 months, subject to the conditions that he resign his  
16 teaching position by February 7, 2004 and that he have no contact with minors, except for his  
17 stepchildren. Under the terms of the sentencing agreement the case was to be dismissed if Mr.  
18 Deines successfully completed probation. Mr. Deines did so, and the case was dismissed on  
19 October 12, 2004.

20 8. During the period between 1999 to 2003, Mr. Deines repeatedly referred to sexual  
21 topics in his classroom and told jokes of a sexual nature. He also inappropriately discussed  
22 matters in his personal life, including sexual issues, with students in his classroom.

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