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

3 In the Matter of the ) STIPULATION OF FACTS AND  
4 Educator License of ) FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION  
5 DANIELLE UNRUH SHULL ) OF LICENSE AND PROBATION  
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7 On or about March 14, 2016, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission  
8 (Commission) received a report from the Woodburn School District that Danielle Unruh  
9 Shull (Shull) may have violated Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of  
10 Oregon Educators.

11 After review of the matters alleged, Shull and the Commission agree that their  
12 respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to  
13 certain facts and the imposition of a 90 day suspension of Shull's Preliminary Teaching  
14 License followed by a period of probation and fulfillment of specific requirements.

15 By signing below, Shull acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the  
16 following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest  
17 the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally  
18 waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of  
19 Facts and Final Order of Suspension of License (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this  
20 Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon  
21 request to the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and  
22 subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not  
23 approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Iovino nor the  
24 Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and  
25 Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or  
26 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of  
27 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or representation has  
28 been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has

1 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully  
2 advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an  
3 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of  
4 the Stipulated Final Order below.

5 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 6 1. The Commission has licensed Shull as an educator in Oregon since July 25, 2012.  
7 Shull's current Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsements in English to  
8 Speakers of Other Languages (PK-12), Social Studies (PK-12), and Foundational  
9 English Language Arts (PK-12), issued on January 19, 2016 is valid until January 18,  
10 2019. During all relevant times, Shull was employed by the Woodburn School  
11 District.
- 12 2. The Commission's investigation into the report from the Woodburn School District  
13 indicated that Shull maintained a parental relationship with a male student which  
14 exceeded the professional boundaries of an educator, including expressing a criticism  
15 of the student's home life and desire for a better parental support for the student and  
16 giving the student personal advice, a book, a birthday card, poem and notebook in  
17 which to write his poetry. In his poetry, the student disclosed potential abuse by an  
18 uncle which Shull did not report understanding it to be historical in nature and the  
19 uncle to have left the country and returned to Mexico.
- 20 3. On September 8, 21, and 28, 2016; Shull voluntarily underwent four and one half  
21 hours of boundaries training through an approved trainer. The trainer reported to  
22 the Commission that Shull understands with certainty the boundaries implications of  
23 the above conduct and appears to be a committed and creative teacher, dedicated to  
24 the well-being of her students.

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27 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

28 Danielle Unruh Shull  
29 Danielle Unruh Shull

5/18/17  
Date

31 Monica Beane  
32 Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director  
33 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

5/22/17  
Date

1 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

2 Danielle Unruh Shull's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in  
3 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-  
4 0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*) and OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e)(*Use of District lawful and*  
5 *reasonable rules and regulations*) and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b)(*Skill in communicating with*  
6 *administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it  
7 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A)(*not demonstrating or expressing a professionally*  
8 *inappropriate interest in a student's personal life*); OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B)(*Not giving or*  
9 *exchanging overly personal notes or gifts with a student*); and OAR 584-020-  
10 0035(1)(c)(D)(*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and*  
11 *conversation at all times*).

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

13 **ORDER**

14 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and  
15 conclusions of law, and based thereon, hereby orders as follows:

- 16 1. Danielle Unruh-Shull's Preliminary Teaching license is hereby suspended for a  
17 period of 90 days from the date of this order;
- 18 2. Following the suspension Danielle Unruh Shull is placed on probation for a  
19 period of 2 years;
- 20 3. As a condition of probation, Danielle Unruh Shull will comply with the following:
  - 21 a. Provide to the Commission confirmation of completion of NASDTEC  
22 boundary training or its equivalent within 30 days of this order; the  
23 voluntary boundaries training already completed by Shull satisfies this  
24 requirement and;
  - 25 b. Comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of  
26 Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 584,  
27 Division 020.

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4. Violation of any term or condition of probation shall constitute an independent basis for the Commission to impose discipline after first providing Shull with notice and opportunity for hearing.

Issued and dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2017.

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

By Monica Beane  
Dr. Monica Beane, Executive Director