

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

In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
Educator License of) AND FINAL ORDER OF
ROBERT G. SHINDELMAN) PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On May 15, 2020, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a misconduct report from the Lincoln County School District (District), indicating possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Robert G. Shindelman (Shindelman).

After review of the matters alleged, Shindelman and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Shindelman stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Shindelman waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Shindelman 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 Public Reprimand (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 this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Shindelman nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an

1 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
2 the Stipulated Final Order below.

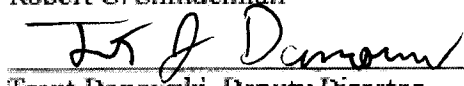
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4 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 5 1. The Commission has licensed Shindelman since June 1, 1994. Shindelman
6 currently hold a Professional Administrator License, with an endorsement in
7 Administrator (PK-12), valid from November 20, 2018, through November 9,
8 2023. During all relevant times, Shindelman was employed by the Lincoln
9 County School District (LCSD).
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- 11 2. On May 15, 2020, the Commission received a report from the LCSD indicating
12 Shindelman may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross
13 unfitness. Specifically, that Shindelman failed to make a mandatory report of
14 possible child abuse.
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- 16 3. Investigation determined that on May 14, 2020, the District's School Resource
17 Officer met with Shindelman to discuss a report that one of two students involved
18 in an incident at Newport Middle School on or about October 28, 2019, reported
19 the matter to Shindelman. When Shindelman reviewed his notes on the matter,
20 he noticed a notation he had written in which the student had shared that the
21 student's father hits the student, punched the student, and strangled the student
22 in a car. Shindelman did not find any information that indicated he had made a
23 mandatory report of child abuse to the Oregon Department of Human Services
24 (DHS). On May 14, 2020, Shindelman notified the school principal of the
25 situation and made a report to DHS. On May 18, 2020, the LCSD issued
26 Shindelman a Letter of Reprimand for failing to make a timely mandatory report
27 of child abuse.
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29 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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31 Robert G. Shindelman

9/24/21
Date

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33 Trent Danowski, Deputy Director
34 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
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9/27/2021
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CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(s) (*Failing to report child abuse pursuant to ORS 419B.010*).

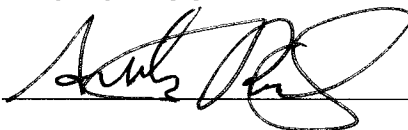
The Commission’s authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

ORDER

The Commission hereby adopts and incorporates herein the above stipulation of fact, conclusions of law, and based thereon hereby imposes a Public Reprimand upon Robert G. Shindelman’s Oregon educator license.

Issued and dated this 5 day of November 2021.

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

By  _____

Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director