

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of)	REVOCAION OF RIGHT
ROBERT L. HUNT)	TO APPLY

On February 24, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Robert L. Hunt (Hunt) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and/or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First-Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2978 6281 08 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail return receipt was signed and dated on March 6, 2026. The First-Class mail was not returned to the Commission and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated February 24, 2026, and signed by Rachel Alpert, Executive Director, stated:

“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

Hunt did not request a hearing. Therefore, the Commission finds Hunt to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Hunt since September 23, 2024. Hunt held a District Substitute Teaching License, with endorsements in Substitute (PK-12), valid from September 23, 2024, through June 30, 2025. During all relevant times, Hunt was employed by the Grant School District 3 (GSD) as an instructional assistant and football coach.

2. On November 5, 2025, the Commission received a school misconduct report from the GSD that Hunt may have committed acts of gross neglect of duty and/or gross unfitness. Specifically, the report contained allegations that Hunt failed to properly manage a possible assault between two students, that Hunt was involved in inappropriate physical interactions and boundary concerns with several female students, and regarding these allegation, Hunt violated district rules and policies.
3. Investigation found that on October 2, 2025, two students were involved in an incident on a bus which was returning to school following a district volleyball and football events. While on the bus, one student asked Hunt if they could kick another student and Hunt tacitly approved it. Hunt did not intervene and the student kicked the other student. Hunt did not report this incident to school officials. On October 7, 2025, the kicked student was then slapped on the buttocks in the locker room by another student. On September 8, 2025, the parent of the kicked and slapped student contacted Hunt about the incidents and Hunt told the parent it was “handled”. The parent also reported this to a school administrator. The district investigated and learned Hunt was aware of both incidents and had failed to notify school officials and Hunt had misrepresented to the parent that these incidents were handled.
4. Investigation found that Hund had a personal and professional relationship with a student (Student A), a female student at Grant Junior/Senior High School. Hunt was a family friend of Student A’s family for approximately fifteen (15) years and had known Student A for approximately ten (10) years.
5. Investigation found that during the 2025-26 school year, Hunt showed undue attention to Student A; Hunt engaged in horseplay with Student A; Hunt was observed touching and standing in close proximately to Student A; and Hunt participated in conversations with Student A which contained content that was more peer-like than professional.
6. Investigation found that during the 2025-26 school year, Hunt showed undue attention to another student (Student B), a female student at Grant Junior/Senior

High School. During this period, Hunt engaged in horseplay with Student B; Hunt was observed hugging, touching hands, and standing in close proximity to Student B; and Hunt participated in conversations with Student B which contained content that was more peer-like than professional.

7. Investigation found that on October 8, 2025, Hunt was relieved of coaching duties and placed on leave as an instructional assistant by the district. On October 29, 2025, Hunt submitted his resignation to the district effective October 30, 2025

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Robert L. Hunt's conduct as described in section three (3) 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*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents and other patrons*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

Hunt's conduct as described in section five (5) and six (6) 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*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents and other patrons*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professional interest in a student's personal life.*) and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times*).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes upon Robert L. Hunt, the Revocation of the Right to Apply for an Oregon Educator License.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20 day of March, 2026.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Rachel Alpert, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.