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

4 5 6 7	In the Matter of the) Teaching License of) DEFAULT ORDER OF REED ALDEN MUNSON) LICENSE SUSPENSION
8	On May 6, 2005, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
9	issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Reed Alden Munson (Munson) in which the
10	Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S.
11	First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7005 0390 0000 5019 1646 to the address that
12	Mr. Munson provided to the Commission. The U.S. Certified Mailing was returned to the
13	Commission "unclaimed" on May 24, 2005. The First Class mailing was not returned. The
14	Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated May 6, 2005, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain,
15	Executive Director, stated:
16 19 20 21	"You, Reed Alden Munson, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."
22 23	Mr. Munson did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds
24	Mr. Munson to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law
25	and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.
26	FINDINGS OF FACT
27	1. Mr. Munson has been licensed by the Commission since July 31, 1978. Mr. Munson
28	holds a Standard Teaching License with a Standard Technology Education endorsement,
29	issued April 1, 2004, valid until April 7, 2009.

- 2. Mr. Munson began regular contract employment with Newberg Public Schools on March 26, 1999. Mr. Munson resigned his teaching position in lieu of termination, effective November 19, 2004.
- 3. A District-owned computer with Internet access was present in Mr. Munson's classroom for his use in connection with his assigned responsibilities. The District has an acceptable use policy. The District's policy prohibits the use or attempted use of equipment for Internet access of sexually explicit materials.
- 4. On January 5, 2005, Sandra Lawson, Assistant Superintendent reported that between October 11, 2004 and November 12, 2004, Mr. Munson used his classroom computer to access sexually explicit materials through the District's Internet connection in violation of District policy regarding Internet use.

ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT

Reed Alden Munson used the computer equipment owned by his employer, Newberg

Public Schools, located on school premises, to access sexually explicit materials. Mr. Munson

was fully aware that accessing such materials at the workplace using a District owned computer

was inappropriate and in violation of District policy.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reed Alden Munson's inappropriate use of a District computer constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(q). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

Reed Alden Munson's Standard Teaching License is suspended for a period of six (6) months effective August 5, 2005. At the end of this suspension period, Mr. Munson's Standard Teaching License will be reinstated upon:

- 1. Submission of a complete application and fees pursuant to OAR 584-050-0015(3);

 and
 - 2. Submission of documentation that he has undergone an evaluation by a psychotherapist or medical professional acceptable to the Commission, and the evaluator submits a written report to the Commission attesting (a) Mr. Munson is fit to work with children and teenagers, and (b) there is a high probability he will not use school district equipment to access sexually explicit materials or engage in similar inappropriate behavior. Any costs associated with the assessment or treatment will be the responsibility of Mr. Munson.

Upon the reinstatement of licensure, Mr. Munson shall be placed on probation by the Commission for a period of two (2) years, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Mr. Munson shall substantially comply with any treatment or counseling as recommended by the individual who completed the evaluation described above. Mr. Munson shall authorize and sign any consent forms as necessary for the treatment provider or counselor to furnish records to or discuss Mr. Munson's treatment with the Commission.
- 2. Mr. Munson shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 584, Division 020.
- 3. Mr. Munson shall provide information as requested by the Commission to verify that he has complied with the conditions of probation, including a statement from a future employing district that he has complied with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators.

	violation of the terms of this probation may constitute an independent basis for the
2	Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Mr. Munson's teaching
3	license subject to Mr. Munson's right to a hearing on the issue of whether he violated probation.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED this day of August, 2005.
5	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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8	Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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10	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
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12	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
13	OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE
14	OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS
15	183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.