

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the Educator License of) DEFAULT ORDER OF
5 SHERI LYNN CAMPBELL) SUSPENSION
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8 On April 23, 2014, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a
9 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Sheri Lynn Campbell (Campbell) in which the Commission
10 charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S.
11 Certified Mail Receipt 7010 2780 0000 2187 3057 to the address on file with the Commission. The
12 Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The
13 Certified Mail receipt was not returned to the Commission. The regular, first class mail was not
14 returned to the Commission, and is assumed to have been delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of
15 Hearing, dated April 23, 2014, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

16 "IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD,
17 YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR
18 FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF
19 YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE
20 COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE
21 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."
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23 Campbell did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Campbell to be in default and
24 enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and
25 records of the Commission concerning this matter.

26 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 27 1. Sheri Lynn Campbell has been licensed by the Commission since September 21, 1989. Campbell
28 holds a Basic Teaching License, issued December 26, 2011, with an endorsement in Basic
29 Elementary (016), which expires on December 25, 2014.
- 30 2. On June 5, 2012, the Commission received a report from the Union School District alleging
31 Campbell had violated professional standards. Subsequent investigation by the Commission
32 revealed:
- 33 a. On June 5, 2012, then Superintendent Jon St.Germaine, reported that Campbell
34 physically grabbed a student by the arm and forcefully yanked him up and into a chair.
35 This conduct occurred on or about May 30, 2012. St.Germaine reported this incident to
36 the local DHS who it appears closed it on intake and referred it to law enforcement as
37 information only. On or about May 20, 2013, while in the presence of other students,
38 Campbell was yelling loudly at student BS and told BS to "Go home". When BS attempted
39 to go home as directed, Campbell grabbed student BS by the shirt, pulled him back into

1 the room and then physically pushed BS into the door or doorway as he reentered the
2 room.

3 b. During the 2012-2013 school year, Campbell made inappropriate comments to, or had
4 inappropriate conversations with one or more patrons involving other students and their
5 personal issues. Campbell's comments about other students included information
6 regarding their lack of academic performance, for example, "That student will never
7 make it; she will never catch up". Campbell then shared personal information about the
8 student's family issues. Witnesses advised that Campbell was often yelling at her
9 students, failed to regularly grade assignments, and embarrassed students in front of
10 others.

11 3. On May 23, 2013, the Commission received a letter from the superintendent of Union School
12 District indicating that since the original complaint of June 5, 2012, Campbell continued to have
13 performance issues including, failure to adequately manage her classroom; increased frequency
14 of related incidents, shortening of the interval between incidents; increasing severity of such
15 incidents; Campbell's blaming students for her problems; and Campbell's unwillingness to
16 comply with directives of her supervisor to cease the improper behaviors. On May 21, 2013,
17 Campbell voluntarily retired from the Union School District.

18 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

19 Campbell's conduct described in section 2(a) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in
20 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5)
21 (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(a) (*Establishing and maintaining classroom*
22 *management that is conducive to learning*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical*
23 *force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS*
24 *339.250*).

25 Campbell's conduct described in section 2(b) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in
26 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5)
27 (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all*
28 *persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(a) (*Establishing and maintaining*
29 *classroom management that is conducive to learning*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in*
30 *communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); OAR 584-020-
31 *0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(a) (Maintain confidential information*
32 *regarding student and student's family*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical*
33 *force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS*
34 *339.250*).

1 Campbell's conduct described in section 3 above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in
2 violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5)
3 (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0010(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all*
4 *persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of*
5 *students*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(a) (*Establishing and maintaining classroom management that is*
6 *conducive to learning*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and*
7 *regulations*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students,*
8 *staff, parents, and other patrons*).
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10 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.
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12 **FINAL ORDER**
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14 The Commission hereby suspends Sheri Lynn Campbell's licensure for a period of sixty (60)
15 days, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 29th day of May, 2014.

17 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION



18 By: _____
19 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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23 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**
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25 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
26 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF
27 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO
28 THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.