

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

In the Matter of the  
Teaching License of  
JACK MORRIS WALKER

DEFAULT ORDER  
SUSPENDING LICENSE

On or about August 30, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission received a report from Ed Schumacher, Superintendent of Union-Baker Education Service District, indicating that Jack Walker violated his contract by failing to provide 60 days' written notice prior to resignation. The district did not include the documents required under OAR 584-050-0020. Subsequently, the District submitted the requested documents on November 18, 2002. The Commission notified Jack Walker of intent to suspend his teaching license and his opportunity for hearing by letter dated November 22, 2002. The letter was sent by U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested #7001 0320 0005 0740 5413. The receipt was signed by Sandra Walker on November 26, 2002, and returned to TSPC on November 27, 2002. Jack Walker did not request a hearing.

Jack Walker did not request a hearing within the time required by the notice. Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds Jack Walker to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusion of law and order based on the Commission's files and records.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about October 25, 2001, Jack Walker signed a Licensed Probationary Teacher's Contract with Union Baker ESD. On March 8, 2002, Jack Walker was offered a position as Alternative Education Teacher at the Grant Alternative School in John Day.
2. On or about August 24, 2002, Jack Walker informed the Union Baker Education Service District via a faxed letter that he was resigning his position effective immediately. The District was not able to contact Jack Walker upon receiving his resignation. The District anticipated serving students on August 26, 2002.
3. On or about August 30, 2002, TSPC received a report from Ed Schumacher, Superintendent of Union Baker Education Service District, indicating that Jack Walker violated terms of his contract for failure to provide sixty days notice prior to resignation. On September 4, 2002, TSPC requested additional documentation from the District as outlined in OAR 584-050-0020.
4. Meeting in regular session on November 7, 2002, the Union-Baker ESD Board of Education adopted a resolution requesting suspension of the teaching license of Mr. Jack Walker in accordance with ORS 342.553.

- 1 5. On November 18, 2002, the District subsequently submitted a copy of the Collective  
2 Bargaining Agreement, Jack Walker's resignation letter, teacher's contract and the Board  
3 of Director's resolution requesting suspension of the teaching license of Jack Walker.  
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7 ULTIMATE FINDING OF FACT  
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9 Jack Walker resigned his teaching position with the Union-Baker Education Service District  
10 without providing 60 days' prior written notice to the district.  
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13 CONCLUSION OF LAW  
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15 Jack Walker violated ORS 342.553 by failing to provide 60 days' notice prior to resignation  
16 from his teaching position.  
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19 ORDER  
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21 The Commission suspends the Oregon Basic Teaching License of Jack Morris Walker for the  
22 remainder of the 2002-03 school year.  
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24 Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003.  
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27 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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31 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director  
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36 NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS  
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38 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW  
39 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM  
40 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE  
41 PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.  
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