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In the Matter of the)
Teaching License of)
JONATHAN DANIEL BELL)

DEFAULT ORDER OF SUSPENSION
OF
RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE

On August 14, 2003, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Jonathan Daniel Bell (Bell) in which the Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7002 3150 0004 3439 2384 to the address obtained by the Commission and his attorney, James Brown. The U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail were returned to the Commission undelivered. Jonathan Daniel Bell did not request a hearing. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated August 14, 2003, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"You, Jonathan Daniel Bell, 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)."

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission issued Mr. Bell a Transitional Teaching License restricted to Hillsboro School District on September 2, 1999. On September 30, 1999, the Commission complied with a request from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District to transfer the restricted Transitional Teaching License to West Linn-Wilsonville.

2. In the summer of 2001, Mr. Bell applied for and accepted a job as principal in the Culver School District. Mr. Bell represented that he held a Transitional Teaching License on an

1 application for employment. Mr. Bell was aware that his Transitional Teaching License was
2 restricted to teach only at West Linn-Wilsonville School District. Mr. Bell did not inform the
3 Culver School District that his Transitional Teaching License was not valid to teach at Culver
4 School District.

5 3. From September 8, 2001, through January 31, 2003, Mr. Bell served as principal at
6 Culver High School without licensure.

7 4. On or about November 1, 2001, the Commission denied Culver School District's
8 request for a Conditional Assignment Permit allowing Mr. Bell to serve as an administrator. Mr.
9 Bell was informed of the Commission's decision.

10 5. Mr. Bell did not apply or receive an Administrative Teaching License.

11 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12 Serving in a public school without a valid teaching license may be grounds for
13 suspension, probation or public reprimand pursuant to OAR 584-050-0030(1) and 584-050-
14 0030(2) constitute Gross Neglect of Duty. Knowingly serving without a valid teaching license or
15 knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure or employment constitute Gross Neglect
16 of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c). The Commission's authority to impose
17 discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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2 **ORDER**

3 The Commission hereby suspends Mr. Bell's right to apply for an Oregon teaching
4 license effective October 10, 2003.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of October 2003.

6 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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9 By: 
10 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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12 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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14 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
15 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE
16 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS
17 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.