

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

In the Matter of the)
Educator License of)
DANIELA CHUHLANTSEFF)
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STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
FINAL ORDER OF
SURRENDER AND REVOCATION

On or about February 12, 2016, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a report from the Salem-Keizer Public Schools, indicating that licensed educator, Daniela Chuhlantseff (Chuhlantseff), had committed acts of unprofessional conduct.

After review of the matters alleged, Chuhlantseff and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts, Chuhlantseff's surrender of her Oregon educator license and the consequent revocation of Chuhlantseff's Oregon educator license.

By signing below, Chuhlantseff acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) she has been fully advised of her rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Surrender and Revocation (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Chuhlantseff nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promises or representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully

1 advised with regard to her rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney
2 prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated
3 Final Order below.

4 This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be
5 imposed. Chuhlantseff stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's
6 files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In
7 entering into this stipulation, Chuhlantseff waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings
8 of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

9 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 10 1. The Commission has licensed Chuhlantseff since December 1, 1995. Chuhlantseff
11 currently holds a Basic Teaching License, with endorsements in Basic Elementary (016)
12 and Basic ESOL (017), valid February 16, 2014, through February 15, 2017. During all
13 relevant times, Chuhlantseff was employed by the Salem-Keizer Public Schools as an
14 elementary school teacher.
- 15 2. On February 12, 2016, the Commission received information from the Salem-Keizer
16 Public Schools indicating Chuhlantseff may have committed acts which constitute gross
17 neglect of duty. Investigation determined that beginning in July 2015, Chuhlantseff
18 established a personal relationship with a male high school student (ML) who was a
19 friend of Chuhlantseff's family and attended school in the Salem-Keizer Public Schools
20 District. In December 2015, after ML was 18 years old, Chuhlantseff and ML engaged in
21 intimate text message communications and other conduct of a sexual nature, which were
22 later confirmed by a law enforcement investigation. No criminal charges were filed due
23 to ML being an adult and the conduct being consensual. Chuhlantseff later resigned her
24 teaching position.

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1 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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3 Daniela Chuhlantseff

6-13-16
Date

4 Monica Beane
5 Monica Beane, Executive Director
6 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

6-13-16
Date

7 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

8 Daniela Chuhlantseff engaged in unprofessional conduct as described in section two (2)
9 above. This conduct constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR
10 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*),
11 OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*); OAR
12 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (*Refrain from exploiting*
13 *relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues*), OAR 584-
14 020-0035(1)(c)(A) (*Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a*
15 *student's personal life*), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B) (*Not accepting or giving or exchanging*
16 *romantic or overly personal gifts or notes with a student*); OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D)
17 (*Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all*
18 *times*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (*Any sexual conduct with a student*). The Commission
19 may rely on the definitions of sexual conduct in ORS 339.370(9) and OAR 584-020-0005(5).

20 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
21 342.175.

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