

1 BSD reported that on or about December 18, 2020, Dixon left his position without
2 providing the required sixty (60) days' notice of resignation to the District.

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- 4 3. Investigation determined Dixon provided a letter, dated November 19, 2020, to the
5 superintendent, the principal at Harbor Lights Middle School, and the school board,
6 announcing his resignation and a request the district release Dixon from his contract.
7 On or about December 18, 2020, the last day of school before the District's winter
8 break, Dixon submitted a handwritten note to the superintendent indicating Dixon's
9 last day would be the day the students returned to school after the break. Dixon wrote
10 he was sorry for not providing sixty (60) days' notice and that if the district did not
11 release him from his contract and reported him to the Commission, Dixon would not
12 need a license as he was leaving the education field.
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- 14 4. On April 20, 2021, a Commission investigator sent Dixon a letter to schedule an interview
15 in the matter. On April 26, 2021, Dixon emailed the investigator and wrote that he had no
16 intention to return to teaching and he was not interested in participating in a Commission
17 interview.

18 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

19 Thomas P. Dixon's conduct described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of
20 ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
21 *professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and*
22 *regulations*); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(j) (*Resignation from a contract in violation of ORS 342.553*);
23 and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (*Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or*
24 *refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to request for information, to furnish or to*
25 *participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission*
26 *investigation*).

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

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30 **FINAL ORDER**

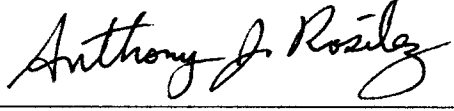
31 The Commission hereby revokes Thomas P. Dixon's Oregon Educator license.

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33 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 1st day of October, 2021.

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TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Dr. Anthony Rosilez, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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