

IN THE MATTER OF CRAIG P. :
HEARD, BOARD OF EDUCATION : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY, : DECISION
MORRIS COUNTY.

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Whereas, the School Ethics Commission has acted pursuant to the authority granted to it by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-21 *et seq.* to recommend removal of the above-named Board member from office for failure to attend the Board member training sessions required by *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33 and *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.4; and

Whereas, the School Ethics Commission sent ample notice to the above-named Board member of his failure to attend such training sessions; and

Whereas, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.3(i), on March 27, 1997, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause why a penalty should not be imposed for such failure; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member informed the Commission that he could not attend the October 22, 1997 session due to a business emergency, and he could not attend the March 15, 1997 session because he was unexpectedly called away on business and later became ill and could not make the return flight in time for the session, but that he planned to attend the June 6-8, 1997 training program; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on April 22, 1997, to recommend reprimand of the above-named Board member if he attends the June 6-8, 1997 training session and, removal

from the board if he fails to attend the June training session, in accordance with State statute, memorializing such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29; and

Whereas, on May 28, 1997, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution recommending either reprimand or removal; and

Whereas, no response was forthcoming; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has confirmed that the above-named board member has, in fact, attended the June 6-8, 1997 training session; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, but declines to issue a reprimand to the above-named board member, finding suspension to be the appropriate penalty in this instance; now therefore

IT IS ORDERED that a one-meeting suspension be imposed on the above-named Board member, to be effective for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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