

11-18SEC (SEC Decision: Not available online)

AGENCY DKT. NO. 279-11/17

IN THE MATTER OF ERIC HAMILTON, :
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
OF HAMILTON, MERCER COUNTY. : DECISION

The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (SEC) – finding that respondent violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-24(b) of the School Ethics Act (SEA) when he “engaged in a brief conversation with a candidate for the position of interim superintendent, and also discussed with [the candidate] the general nature of the community and school system.” SEC Decision at 5 (internal quotation marks omitted). The SEC’s decision was forwarded – pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 – for the Commissioner’s final determination on the recommended penalty of reprimand. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty, nor has he instituted an appeal of the SEC’s underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4 *et seq.*

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the SEC in consequence of respondent’s conduct. Accordingly, respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-24(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 16, 2018

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¹ This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L.* 2008, *c.* 36. (*N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-9.1)