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AGENCY DKT. NO. 175-5/98

IN THE MATTER OF SUSAN BURLING, :  
SEA BRIGHT BOARD OF EDUCATION, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
MONMOUTH COUNTY. : DECISION  
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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 her failure to attend such training sessions; and

Whereas, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6:3-9.3(i)*, on April 15, 1998, 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 responded that family responsibilities prohibited her attendance at any of the training sessions during the year, but that she would attend the October 27, 1998 training session; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on May 26, 1998, to recommend a one-meeting suspension of the above-named Board member if she attends the *June* training session, but removal for failure to attend training sessions in violation of State statute if she fails to attend the

June session, memorializing such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29; and

Whereas, on May 27, 1998, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member replied that the care of her three children precluded her attendance at the June session as it was a weekend session, but that she was registered for the October 27, 1998 training session; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, and finding that the above-named Board member failed to offer good and sufficient reason for her failure to comply with the requirements of the law, concurs with and adopts as his own the recommendations of the Commission; now therefore

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Board member is removed from office as of the date of this decision.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 1, 1998