

297-01 SEC  
AGENCY DKT. NO. 258-7/01

IN THE MATTER OF GAIL TANNENHAUS, :  
HARDWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
OF EDUCATION, WARREN COUNTY. : DECISION  
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Whereas, the School Ethics Commission (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.* 6A:28-6; and

Whereas the 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.* 6A:28-1.6(e), on April 9, 2001, 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 by letter dated April 26, 2001 that she could not attend due to family and work obligations; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on July 12, 2001 to recommend suspension of the above-named Board member, and that she be removed from office if she fails to so attend a required training program by the end of October 2001 and memorialized such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29; and

Whereas, by letter dated July 12, 2001, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution recommending removal if she does not attend a training session by October 2001; and

Whereas, no response was forthcoming; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Education has carefully considered the record of this matter and the decision of the Commission and concurs with and adopts as his own the recommendations of the Commission; now therefore

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Board member is suspended from office as of the filing date of this decision, and shall remain suspended pending completion of the requisite training, and, in the event the Board member fails to complete the required training by October 23, 2001, the above-named Board member is hereby summarily removed from office effective October 24, 2001.\*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: September 6, 2001

Date of Mailing: September 12, 2001

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\*This decision, as the Commissioner's final determination regarding penalty in the instant matter, may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-27 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.1 et seq.*, within 30 days of its filing. Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.