

360-17SEC (SEC Decision: Not available online)

AGENCY DKT. NO. 261-11/17

IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA VILLARI-PETERS, :
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
PINE HILL, CAMDEN COUNTY. : DECISION
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The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission (Commission) – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act (SEA) for failure to timely file her Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements (disclosure statements) in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-25, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-26, and *N.J.A.C.* 6A:28-3.1. The Commission’s decision was forwarded to the Commissioner for final determination on the recommended penalty pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29(c). The Commission advises that the respondent failed to file her disclosure statements despite the issuance of its August 22, 2017 Order to Show Cause. The Commission recommended that respondent receive a suspension of 30 days effective immediately upon the Commissioner’s adoption of the penalty. The Commission further recommends that respondent be removed from her position on the 31st day if she fails to file her disclosure statements within the period of 30 days following the Commissioner’s final decision in this matter. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty nor has she instituted an appeal of the Commission’s underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1 *et seq.*

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission for respondent’s failure to honor an obligation placed upon school board members by law. Additionally, respondent is admonished for causing the unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby suspended for from her position as a school official for 30 days from the date of this decision, and is hereby ordered to submit the requisite Disclosure Statements within 30 days. If respondent fails to submit the disclosure statements within 30 days from the date of this decision, she shall be removed from her position as a school official found to have violated the SEA.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: December 18, 2017

Date of Mailing: December 19, 2017

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*)