

SEC # C11-02/C20-02
C # 416-02SEC
SB # 53-02

IN THE MATTER OF THE REMOVAL OF :
VINCE ORDINI PURSUANT TO : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29(c), EWING TOWNSHIP : DECISION ON MOTION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, MERCER COUNTY.:

Decided by the School Ethics Commission, October 29, 2002

Decided by the Commissioner of Education, December 3, 2002

For the Respondent-Appellant, Vince Ordini, pro se

For the Participant School Ethics Commission, Kimberley Lake Franklin,
Deputy Attorney General (David Samson, Attorney General of New
Jersey)

In a decision rendered on October 29, 2002, the School Ethics Commission concluded that the respondent, Vince Ordini, a member of the Board of Education of the Township of Ewing, had violated the School Ethics Act when he sought an advisory opinion from the Ethics Commission based on facts that did not apply to his situation. The Ethics Commission found that the respondent had used his position to seek an advisory opinion that would ultimately set up a finding of a violation of the School Ethics Act against another member of the Ewing Board. The Ethics Commission recommended that the respondent be removed from his membership on the Board as a result of such violation. On December 3, 2002, the Commissioner of Education

accepted the Ethics Commission's recommended penalty and directed that the respondent be removed from his seat on the Ewing Board.

The respondent filed the instant appeal to the State Board.

On December 24, 2002, the School Ethics Commission filed a motion to participate in this matter.

After a review of the papers filed, we grant the motion. The Ethics Commission's answer brief is due by February 28, 2003. The respondent may then file a reply brief within ten days after service of the Ethics Commission's brief.

John A. Griffith and Thelma Napoleon-Smith abstained.

February 5, 2003

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