

IN THE MATTER OF MATILDA TOUW, :
WEST MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
PASSAIC COUNTY. : DECISION
_____ :

The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission have been reviewed.

Timely comments were filed by complainant. No comments were filed by Mrs. Touw.

Complainant submits that the determination of the Commission was a reasonable one and asks that the Commissioner take into consideration, when determining the appropriate penalty, an article in the local newspaper, wherein Mrs. Touw was quoted as stating that she considered the Commission's decision "****a complete joke." Complainant further submitted a copy of said newspaper article.

Upon a thorough review of the record, the Commissioner determines to accept the Commission's recommendation that reprimand is the appropriate penalty in this matter, in view of the Commission's determination that a violation of the School Ethics Act occurred as set forth in its decision.*

* The determination of the Commission as to violation of the Act is not reviewable by the Commissioner herein, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29(c). Therefore, this decision is limited to a review of the recommended penalty and its implementation.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Matilda Touw be reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

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