IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL BAILEY,:

MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION, GLOUCESTER COUNTY. : DECISION

:

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:28-1.6; and

Whereas the Commission sent ample notice to the above-named Board member of his failure to attend such training sessions; and

Whereas, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:28-1.6(e), on May 21, 2003, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause why he had not attended training up until that time; and

Whereas, the Commission granted an extension for similarly situated board members to attend one of the June training sessions; and

Whereas, the above-named Board member did not reply to the Order to Show Cause and further failed to attend a June training session; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on July 22, 2003 to recommend that the abovenamed Board member be removed from the Board and memorialized such decision through a resolution forwarded to the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29; and

Whereas, on July 29, 2003, the above-named Board member was afforded an opportunity to submit to the Commissioner a response to said resolution; and

Whereas, no comments were received from, or on behalf of, the above-named

Board member; 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 removed from office as

of the filing of this decision.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision:

August 21, 2003

Date of Mailing:

August 25, 2003

* 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.* Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4-1.4(a), Commissioner decisions are deemed filed three days after the date of mailing to the parties.

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