

AGENCY DKT. NO. 374-12/08

IN THE MATTER OF DIANA BURICH, :
SEA BRIGHT BOARD OF EDUCATION, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
MONMOUTH COUNTY. : DECISION
_____ :

The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, forwarded to the Commissioner pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29 for final determination on the Commission’s recommended penalty, have been reviewed. Respondent filed an exception, asking that she be accorded “leniency in the Commission’s reprimand as an inexperience [sic] Board Member who should have sought advice and/or been advised on how to appropriately execute documentation filing [sic] on my own behalf.” She did not appeal – pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4 – the Commission’s underlying finding of violation.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission. Respondent did not file her disclosure documents until five months after they were due. This failure to timely honor an obligation placed upon board members by law resulted in unnecessary expenditures of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

Accordingly, respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 29, 2009

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* This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L.* 2008, *c.* 36.