

#393-16SEC (SEC Decision: Not available online)

AGENCY DKT. NO. 272-10/16

IN THE MATTER OF RONALD MURPHY, :
BEVERLY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
BURLINGTON COUNTY. : DECISION
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The Commissioner has reviewed the record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to timely file his Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure statements in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-25 and 26. The Commission’s decision was forwarded, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29, for the Commissioner’s final determination on the recommended penalty. The Commission advises that the respondent ultimately filed disclosure statements after the issuance of its July 26, 2016 Order to Show Cause, but prior to the Commission’s August 23, 2016 meeting; the Commission, therefore, recommends a penalty of reprimand. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the recommended penalty nor instituted an appeal, pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4, of the Commission’s underlying finding of violation.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission in consequence of respondent’s failure to timely 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 reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: November 10, 2016

Date of Mailing: November 14, 2016

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)