

AGENCY DKT. NO. 261-11/17

AMENDED DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA :
VILLARI-PETERS, BOARD OF EDUCATION : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
OF THE BOROUGH OF PINE HILL, : DECISION
CAMDEN COUNTY. :

On December 18, 2017, the Commissioner rendered a decision concurring with the October 31, 2017 recommendation of the School Ethics Commission (SEC) that respondent be suspended for 30 days – effective upon the Commissioner’s adoption of the penalty – for failure to timely file her Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements (Disclosure Statements) in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25*, *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-26*, and *N.J.A.C. 6A:28-3.1*, in violation of the School Ethics Act (SEA).

Subsequently, by letter dated January 25, 2018, the Executive Director of the SEC advised respondent and the Commissioner that the SEC had voted on January 23, 2018 to rescind its prior decision and adopt a revised decision recommending that the Commissioner impose a penalty of reprimand. The SEC further advised that it received correspondence from the Board Attorney that respondent had in fact filed her Disclosure Statements, *albeit* untimely. Respondent has neither filed exceptions to the revised recommended penalty nor has she instituted an appeal of the SEC’s underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1 et seq.*

Upon review, in light of respondent’s filing of the necessary Disclosure Statements prior to the issuance of the Commissioner’s decision in this matter, the Commissioner adopts the SEC’s recommended penalty of reprimand. Additionally, respondent is admonished for her delay

in filing the requisite Disclosure Statements and 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 SEA.

IT IS SO ORDERED.¹

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: March 6, 2018

Date of Mailing: March 7, 2018

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*)