

DHPBL #96-98
SB #94-98

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISQUALIFI- : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CATION FROM SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT :
OF J.A.L. : DECISION

Decided by the Assistant Commissioner of Education, October 23, 1998

For the Petitioner-Appellant, J.A.L., pro se

On October 23, 1998, the Assistant Commissioner of Education, Executive Services, issued a letter decision in which he disqualified J.A.L. (hereinafter "appellant") from school employment in the State after a criminal history record review conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 revealed that appellant had been convicted of several disqualifying offenses involving controlled dangerous substances.

On November 13, 1998, appellant, acting pro se, filed a notice of appeal with the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:2-1.11(a), appellant's brief in support of his appeal was due on December 3, 1998, 20 days after he filed his notice of appeal. Appellant, however, failed to file a brief by that date. By letter dated December 4, 1998, the Director of the State Board Appeals Office notified appellant of his failure to file a brief and informed him that this matter was being referred to the Legal Committee of the State Board for consideration of his failure to perfect the appeal.

Appellant has still failed to file a brief in support of his appeal, more than a month after the deadline for such filing. Nor has he offered any explanation for his failure to file a brief or requested an extension of time for such filing. As a result, we dismiss the appeal in this matter for failure to perfect. N.J.A.C. 6:2-1.12(a). See Paszamant v. Board of Education of the Borough of Highland Park, decided by the State Board, April 1, 1992, aff'd, Docket #A-4812-91-3 (App. Div. 1993).

January 6, 1999

Date of mailing _____