

IN THE MATTER OF LORI GRUBER, :  
MAGNOLIA BOARD OF EDUCATION : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
CAMDEN COUNTY. : DECISION

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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 her 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 she had not attended a 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 responded and advised that she had been unable to attend a training session due to health reasons and family obligations but that she would attend the October 2003 training session; and

Whereas, the Commission voted on July 22, 2003 to recommend that the above-named Board member be suspended from the Board until she attends the October 2003 session and removed if she fails to attend the October 2003 session, 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 suspended from office as of the filing of this decision and shall remain suspended pending completion of the requisite training, and, in the event she fails to complete the training session in October 2003, the above-named Board member shall be summarily removed from office as of that date.\*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: August 21, 2003

Date of Mailing: August 27, 2003

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\* 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.