

AGENCY DKT. NO. 686-11/10

IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY SIEDLECKI, :
SHAMONG TOWNSHIP : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, : DECISION
BURLINGTON COUNTY. :
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The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission – finding that respondent violated the School Ethics Act for failure to attend board member training in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-33 – 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. The Commission recommends that respondent be suspended from the Shamong Township Board of Education until he has completed the online web-based Finance training program, and further recommends that he be removed from the board if this online web-based training program is not completed by December 15, 2010. Should respondent complete the web-based training program by this date, the Commission recommends that respondent be censured for failing to timely complete the program. Respondent did not file exceptions nor did he appeal the Commission’s underlying finding of violation pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 6A:4. On December 16, 2010, the Commission advised the Commissioner that respondent had completed the requisite program.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission and additionally admonishes respondent for failing to honor an obligation placed upon school board members by law, since such failure has resulted in unnecessary expenditure of administrative and adjudicative resources at both State and local levels.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jeffrey Siedlecki be censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.*

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: January 10, 2011

Date of Mailing: January 10, 2011

* 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*)