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IN THE MATTER OF : OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
DORIS GRAVES : OAL Dkt. No. EEC 4891-11
: Agency Dkt. No. C40-10
: **CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Petitioner, New Jersey Department of Education, School Ethics Commission ("SEC") and Respondent, Doris Graves, ("Respondent") have mutually agreed to settle the above-captioned matter, with JOHN J. HOFFMAN, Acting Attorney General of New Jersey, by Beth N. Shore, Deputy Attorney General, appearing on behalf of the SEC, and Raymond L. Hamlin, Esq., appearing on behalf of Respondent; and

WHEREAS, this matter arose from the SEC=s decision of March 22, 2011 finding probable cause to credit the allegations that Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25; and

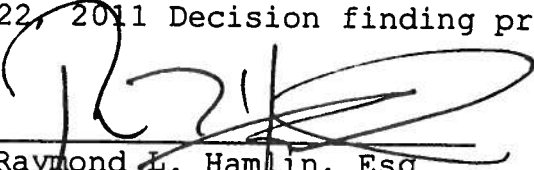
WHEREAS, on December 20, 2011, the SEC modified the Probable Cause Notice, to credit the allegations that Respondent violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 12-24.1(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i); and

WHEREAS, the settlement of this matter shall not constitute precedent or be considered an admission of guilt in other pending or future litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to settle the above-captioned matter upon the following terms:

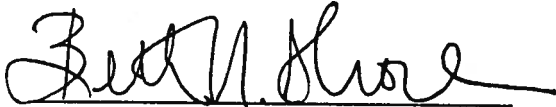
1. Respondent acknowledges that her action constituted a violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(d), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e), and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(i).
2. The parties agree that the SEC will recommend that the Commissioner impose the penalty of a censure.
3. The Commissioner agrees that he will adopt the SEC's recommendation and impose the penalty of a censure for the conduct described in the attached affidavit.
4. By accepting the penalty of a censure, Respondent agrees to waive any and all hearings to which she is entitled pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29 and N.J.A.C. 6A:28-10.7, and Respondent further agrees that she will not oppose the censure.

5. The parties agree that this Consent Order fully resolves all issues between them arising from the SEC's March 22, 2011 Decision finding probable cause.



Raymond L. Hamlin, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 6/24/13



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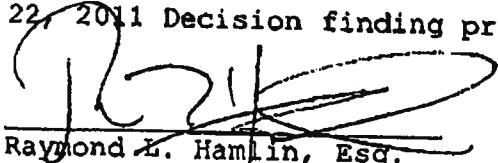
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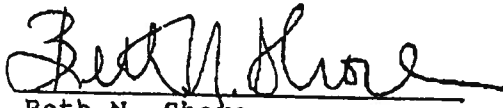
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Commissioner of Education

Date:

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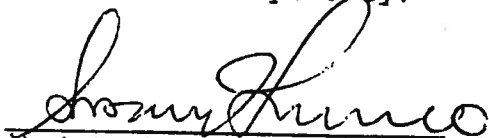

Raymond E. Hamlin, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

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Beth N. Shore
Deputy Attorney General
Attorney for Petitioner

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Approved as to penalty:


~~Christopher D. Cerf~~ Susana E. Guerrero
Acting Commissioner of Education

Date: 6/25/13

IN THE MATTER OF
OF DORIS GRAVES

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BEFORE THE NEW JERSEY
SCHOOL ETHICS COMMISSION

SEC Docket No. C40-10


Administrative Action

AFFIDAVIT OF
DORIS GRAVES


Doris Graves, of full age, being duly sworn upon her oath,
deposes and says:

1. I was the President of the Board of Education for Pleasantville Public Schools ("Board") during the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Effective January 2013, I no longer serve as a member of Board.
3. I am aware that on June 29, 2010, Dr. Gloria Grantham, the then-superintendent of Pleasantville Public Schools, barred two graduating seniors from participating in graduation ceremonies, due to safety concerns stemming from a report by the Pleasantville Police Department.
4. I am aware that Dr. Grantham based her decision to bar these two students from participating in graduation on information she received from the Pleasantville Police Department that these two graduating seniors may be the intended targets of a possible shooting planned for June 29, 2010.

5. I acknowledge that on June 29, 2010, I telephoned Dr. Grantham instructing her to allow one of the two graduating seniors, whom she had barred from participating in the graduation ceremonies, to participate in the ceremonies.
6. I am aware that the day after the graduation ceremonies, a shooting occurred in Pleasantville that resulted in a bystander being shot.
7. It is my understanding that the target of the shooting was the student whom I had instructed Dr. Grantham to allow to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
8. I acknowledge that my conduct, set forth above in paragraph five, violated N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24(b), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(d), N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(e), and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(i).
9. I agree to accept a penalty of censure for my conduct as set forth in paragraph five.
10. I acknowledge that in signing this affidavit I have secured the advice of an attorney and I understand the terms of this agreement.


Doris Graves

Sworn and Subscribed
before me this 24th day
of June, 2013


Raymond L. Hamlin, Esquire