

AGENCY DKT. NO. 415-10/97

IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA RONE, :  
SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY. : DECISION  
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The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission have been reviewed. Written comments regarding the recommended sanction were untimely submitted to the Commissioner.

Upon a thorough review of the record, the Commissioner determines to accept the Commission's recommendation that censure is the appropriate penalty in this matter, in view of the Commission's determination, which is not reviewable by the Commissioner herein, that a violation of the act occurred under the circumstances set forth in the decision.

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

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 21, 1998

IN THE MATTER OF BARBARA RONE, :  
SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION, : RESOLUTION OF CENSURE  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY. :  
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**WHEREAS**, the South Amboy Board of Education member, Barbara Rone, was found by the School Ethics Commission to have voted in favor of a resolution to hire special counsel to investigate the conduct of the South Amboy Superintendent of Schools with respect to a legal dispute in which she was an adversary of the superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Commission concluded that such conduct violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-24(c) of the School Ethics Act; and

**WHEREAS**, after considering the facts determined during the course of the investigation and Barbara Rone's testimony regarding this matter, the School Ethics Commission, in a decision dated October 28, 1997, recommended to the Commissioner of Education that he impose upon Ms. Rone the penalty of censure pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-29(c) and *N.J.A.C.* 6:3-9.19(c)1; and

**WHEREAS**, comments with regard to this penalty were untimely filed before the Commissioner by Ms. Rone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner has concluded that the Commission's censure is the appropriate penalty for the aforementioned violation for the reasons set forth in the Commission's decision; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Barbara Rone is hereby censured as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the South Amboy Board of Education is ordered to read this resolution at the next public meeting following its adoption by the School Ethics Commission and to post it in such places as the Board posts its public notices.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 21, 1998