

IN THE MATTER OF RASHUN :
STEWART, BOARD OF EDUCATION : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, : DECISION
ATLANTIC COUNTY. :

SYNOPSIS

The School Ethics Commission (Commission) found that respondent – president of the Atlantic City Board of Education – violated *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1(c)* of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members of the School Ethics Act when he participated in votes to authorize payments to the Oceanside Charter School during the 2006-2007 school year, while he was a member of the staff at the charter school. The Commission recommended the penalty of reprimand in this matter. The respondent filed no exceptions, nor did he appeal the Commission’s underlying finding of violation.

The Commissioner, whose jurisdiction – in the absence of an appeal – is limited to reviewing the Commission’s recommended sanction, adopted the Commission’s recommendation that respondent be reprimanded. Accordingly, the respondent is reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

This synopsis is not part of the Commissioner’s decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commissioner.

October 9, 2008

AGENCY DKT. NO. 262-8/08

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The record of this matter and the decision of the School Ethics Commission, 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. Respondent did not file exceptions, nor was the Commission's underlying finding of violation appealed to the Commissioner pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:4*.

Upon review, the Commissioner concurs with the penalty recommended by the Commission. Accordingly, the above-named respondent is hereby reprimanded as a school official found to have violated the School Ethics Act.

IT IS SO ORDERED. *

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: October 9, 2008
Date of Mailing: October 10, 2008

* This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L. 2008, c. 36*.