

S.L.G. and M.S. obm D.S., :
PETITIONERS, :
V. : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
CHARLES L. GRANATA, BONNIE : DECISION
GRANATIR, and ANTONIO CALCADO, :
LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, :
ESSEX COUNTY, :
RESPONDENTS. :
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SYNOPSIS

The School Ethics Commission (Commission) found that respondents, members of the Livingston Board of Education, violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-24.1(b) and (g) of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members when they released a complaint to the media that included confidential information relative to D.S., a student in the district. The Commission recommended the penalty of censure for each of the three respondents. The respondents filed no exceptions, nor did they 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 respondents be censured. Accordingly, the Commissioner ordered that the above named respondents be censured as school officials 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.

April 11, 2011

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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.A.C.* 6A:28-10.12 for final determination on the Commission's recommended penalty, have been reviewed. Respondents 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, IT IS hereby ORDERED that the above-named respondents be censured as school officials found to have violated *N.J.S.A.* 18A:12-24.1(b) and (g) of the Code of Ethics of School Board Members. *

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: April 11, 2011

Date of Mailing: April 12, 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.