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Our standard response to suspending public officials indicted for a crime of moral turpitude is appropriate here—however, we have not researched whether trafficking meth is considered to be a crime of moral turpitude.

The Governor has the constitutional authority to suspend an officer of the state or a political subdivision who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude pursuant to Article VI, Section 8 of the State Constitution. A school board member is a public official and is considered to be an officer of a political subdivision (see Attorney General's Opinion, March 30, 1983).

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From: Adams, Chaney  
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 4:03 PM  
To: Taylor, Richele; Schimsa, Rebecca  
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R&R- we received the request below. What is the protocol for school board members?

We had a school board member in Lancaster County arrested over the weekend for trafficking meth. I have not been able to track down what exactly would happen as far as his position on the board if he is found guilty. As an elected official, what happens in these situations? And what is the law for situations like this?

Our deadline is around 5:30 this evening. I look forward to hearing from you.