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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	OEA Matter No.: 1601-0193-11
MARGARET SMALLWOOD,)	
Employee)	
)	Date of Issuance: January 10, 2014
v.)	
)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)	
PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	
Agency)	Sommer J. Murphy, Esq.
_____)	Administrative Judge
Joyce D. Aceves-Amaya, Esq. Employee Representative		
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative		

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 24, 2011, Margaret Smallwood (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or the “Office”) contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (“Agency”) action of terminating her employment. The effective date of Employee’s termination was August 12, 2011.

I was assigned this matter in June of 2013. On June 21, 2013, I issued an order convening a Prehearing Conference on August 5, 2013. On August 6, 2013, I issued an order convening an Evidentiary Hearing to be held at this Office on November 20, 2013 and November 21, 2013. On November 18, 2013, Employee filed a Consent Motion to Vacate the Evidentiary Hearing because the parties had been engaging in settlement negotiations. On January 9, 2014, Employee submitted a Motion to Withdraw her appeal. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Should Employee's appeal be dismissed?

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee has submitted a voluntarily withdrawal of her appeal, Employee's Petition for Appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Employee's Petition for Appeal is DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

SOMMER J. MURPHY, ESQ.
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE