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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE

THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	
MONICA BROWN,)	
Employee)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0098-11
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: August 24, 2012
)	
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Agency)	Administrative Judge
_____)	
Monica Brown, Employee <i>Pro Se</i>)	
Sara White, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On April 13, 2011, Monica Brown (“Employee”) filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “Office”) contesting the D.C. Public Schools’ (“DCPS” or “Agency”) action of terminating her for grave misconduct in the office, effective April 25, 2011. On July 7, 2011, Agency filed an Answer to Employee’s petition for appeal noting that OEA lacks jurisdiction to hear this matter.

I was assigned this matter on or around July 30, 2012. On August 8, 2012, I issued an Order requiring the parties to attend a Status Conference set for August 22, 2012. Prior to the conference, Agency’s representative notified the undersigned that she was unable to attend the Status Conference in person due to health reasons. As such, she requested to participate via telephone. Employee was present for the Status Conference. During the telephone Conference, Agency’s representative noted that the matter had been settled in June of 2011. While Employee could not recall any information regarding a settlement, she noted that she was given back her job sometime in July of 2011. Agency’s representative then informed the undersigned that she had a signed copy of the Settlement Agreement and requested that Employee withdrew her appeal since it has been settle. I informed the parties that, upon receipt of the signed Settlement

Agreement, the matter will be dismissed. Later that day, Agency emailed a signed copy of the Settlement Agreement to Employee and the undersigned.¹ The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since the parties have settled this matter, Employee's petition for appeal is dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that the petition for appeal in this matter is **DISMISSED**.

FOR THE OFFICE:

MONICA DOHNJI, Esq.
Administrative Judge

¹ Settlement Agreement (August 22, 2012).