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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

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In the Matter of:)	
)	
DANIEL DRUDE,)	
Employee)	OEA Matter No. 1601-0134-13
)	
v.)	Date of Issuance: August 5, 2014
)	
D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	
Agency)	Eric T. Robinson, Esq.
)	Senior Administrative Judge
_____)	
Daniel Drude, Employee)	
Carl K. Turpin, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 13, 2013, Daniel Drude (“Employee”) filed a petition for appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“OEA” or “the “Office”) contesting the District of Columbia Public Schools’ (“DCPS” or the “Agency”) action of removing him from service. The undersigned was assigned this matter on or about May 14, 2014. Thereafter, pursuant to an Order dated May 30, 2014, I required the parties to appear for a prehearing conference on July 29, 2014. Moreover, the parties were required to submit their respective prehearing statements by July 18, 2014. DCPS fully complied with this order while. However, Employee failed to submit his prehearing statement and he failed to appear for the prehearing conference. On July 29, 2014, I issued an Order for Statement of Good Cause to Employee requiring Employee to establish good cause for his prehearing conference absence and his failure to submit his prehearing statement. Employee responded via email and stated *inter alia* “Do not drag out the appeal in this matter. Dismiss the case.” I have determined that no further proceedings are warranted. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

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

ISSUE

Whether this matter should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee voluntarily withdrew his petition for appeal, I find that Employee's petition for appeal should be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the above-captioned petition for appeal be dismissed.

FOR THE OFFICE:

ERIC T. ROBINSON ESQ.
Senior Administrative Judge