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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.: 1601-0131-14
)	
RHONDA WORDS-HOWARD,)	
Employee)	Date of Issuance: December 11, 2014
)	
v.)	
)	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)	
PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)	Sommer J. Murphy, Esq.
Agency)	Administrative Judge
_____)	
Kelly Burchell, Esq., Employee Representative)	
Carl Turpin, Esq., Agency Representative)	

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 24, 2014, Rhonda Words-Howard (“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 30, 2013.

This matter was assigned to me in December of 2014. On December 4, 2014, Agency filed a Motion to Dismiss, asserting that Employee voluntarily retired in lieu of being terminated. On December 10, 2014, Employee, through counsel, submitted a written withdrawal of 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

Whether this appeal should be dismissed.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

Since Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her appeal, this Petition for Appeal is dismissed.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