

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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In the Matter of the TENURE Charges Against

PATRICK C. HOWELL, JR.

Agency Dkt. No.
163-7/15

By: ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, ESSEX COUNTY
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Before **MELISSA H. BIREN, Esq.**, Impartial Arbitrator


ORDER

The Orange Township Board of Education ("Board") certified tenure charges against the Respondent, Dr. Patrick C. Howell, Jr., a tenured assistant principal in the Orange Township School District, on June 29, 2015. Jessika Kleen, Esq. (Machado Law Group, LLP) filed the tenure charges with the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey on July 8, 2015. On August 31, 2015, the charges were referred to the undersigned Arbitrator pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-16, as amended by *P.L.* 2012, c. 26. A timely request for an extension of time for the hearing and decision was granted. Respondent, Dr. Patrick Howell, appeared pro se.

A hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2015. By letter dated October 19, 2015 to the Board, Dr. Howell advised the Board that he was resigning his position with the Orange School District, effective October 31, 2015.

By reason of the foregoing, the tenure charges against the Respondent, Dr. Patrick Howell, are moot.

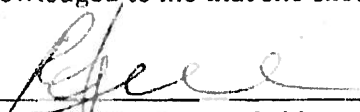
Dated: November 8, 2015


Melissa H. Biren, Esq., Arbitrator

State of New Jersey)

County of Essex)

On this 8th day of November 2015 before me personally came and appeared MELISSA H. BIREN, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.


Robert D'AGNEE, Notary Public
ID # 2429835
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires February 8, 2018