

IN THE MATTER OF THE TENURE :
HEARING OF WILLIAM R. CASTEL, : COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
EAST RUTHERFORD SCHOOL : DECISION
DISTRICT, BERGEN COUNTY :

SYNOPSIS

Petitioning Board certified tenure charges of unbecoming conduct against respondent, a tenured teacher, and sought his removal from employment in the East Rutherford School District. Criminal charges were subsequently filed against respondent for endangering the welfare of a child, after which he entered a Pre-trial Intervention Program (PTI) with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and resigned from his teaching position in East Rutherford Schools.

The ALJ found that the respondent has resigned from his tenured employment, and the tenure charges filed against him are now moot. Accordingly, the ALJ concluded that this matter should be dismissed, and ordered the East Rutherford Board of Education to notify the State Board of Examiners of respondent's resignation.

The Commissioner concurred with the ALJ and dismissed the petition as moot, reminding the petitioning Board of its obligation to provide notice of this action to the State Board of Examiners.

<p>This synopsis is not part of the Commissioner's decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commissioner.</p>

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After thorough review of the record of this matter, and for the reasons set forth in the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law, the Commissioner adopts the Initial Decision and Order as the final decision in this case. Petitioner is reminded of its obligation to notify the State Board of Examiners of respondent's resignation, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.4(a)(1)*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.*

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: March 17, 2008

Date of Mailing: March 18, 2008

* This decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:6-27 et seq.* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:4-1.1 et seq.*