

ADRIAN PUGH,

Appellant

v.

PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR23-19

ORDER

Appellant filed this appeal of the Prince George's County Board of Education's July 17, 2023, decision upholding the local superintendent's recommendation to suspend her for three days without pay from her position as a special education teacher for Prince George's County Public Schools ("PGCPS"). (Motion, Ex. 1). Appellant maintains that the July 17 decision was issued in error because she had an active appeal of the suspension pending before the local board and was awaiting notification of a rescheduled oral argument date after the board failed to have sufficient members present to constitute a quorum on the original date. (Appeal).

On September 28, 2023, after Appellant filed the instant appeal to the State Board, the local board vacated its July 17 order and directed that oral argument in the matter be scheduled before the local board. (Moton, Ex. 3). It is our understanding that the local board has since that time scheduled oral argument on the suspension.

Because the Appellant's appeal remains pending before the local board and the local board has not issued a final decision in the case, there is nothing for the State Board to review. Pursuant to Education Article §4-205(c)(3) and COMAR 13A.01.05.03B(1)(a), the State Board may dismiss an appeal if the local board has not issued a final decision. *See Victor and Sandra B. v. Anne Arundel County Bd. of Educ.*, MSBE Order No. OR20-11 (2020).

Therefore, it is this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, ORDERED, by the Maryland State Board of Education, that the appeal is dismissed because it is not ripe for review. COMAR 13A.01.05.03B.

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Clarence C. Crawford  
President