

ANDREA BARR,
Appellant

v.

BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
Appellee

ORDER OF THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No. OR22-09

ORDER

Appellant, Andrea Barr, appeals the May 17, 2022 vote of the Baltimore County Board of Education (“local board”) that resulted in the board’s failure to renew her employment contract for the position of Chief Auditor in the Baltimore County Public Schools’ Office of Internal Audit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The appeal challenges the legality of the local board’s vote.¹

On June 27, 2022, the Appellant filed a multi-count Complaint in the Baltimore County Circuit Court seeking a writ of mandamus, a declaratory judgment, a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, and a permanent injunction against the local board for its May 17, 2022 vote not to renew the employment contract. *See Andrea Barr v. Baltimore County Public Schools, et al.*, Case No. C-03-CV-22-002503. The State Board appeal contains many of the same factual and legal allegations raised in the Circuit Court case. The Circuit Court has already exercised jurisdiction regarding the preliminary injunction and has not stayed the remainder of the case. Thus, we find that a stay of the State Board proceedings is appropriate here while the Circuit Court case proceeds. Parallel and simultaneous proceedings with the State Board and the Circuit Court would not serve the purpose of quasi-judicial economy and would be a waste of resources.

Therefore, it is this 26th day of July 2022 by the Maryland State Board of Education,

ORDERED, that the appeal referenced above is hereby stayed until such time that the Circuit Court rules on the case or stays its proceedings so that the State Board appeal may proceed.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signature on File:

Clarence C. Crawford
President

¹ In her State Board appeal, Appellant also requests the removal of certain local board members. A request for removal of a local board member is a different proceeding from a State Board appeal, thus the State Board has addressed those requests separately.