

STEPHEN PRICE,

Appellant

v.

HOWARD COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Appellee.

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND

STATE BOARD

OF EDUCATION

Order No.: OR24-04

ORDER

Appellant, Stephen Price, appeals the decision of the Howard County Board of Education (“local board”) to terminate him from his teaching position for insubordination and willful neglect of duty. Appellant claims in his appeal that the local board terminated him in violation of his rights for accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) of 1990.

The State Board recently learned that the federal district court has asserted its jurisdiction over the matter in *Price v. Howard Cnty. Pub. Sch. Sys.*, Civil Action No: 1:22-cv-00541-MJM, which involves the same parties and issues related to those before the State Board. Accordingly, because of the unique circumstances of parallel proceedings in court and before the State Board, the State Board has temporarily postponed the oral argument and issuing a final decision required by State Govt. Art. §10-216 pending resolution of the court case. The State Board desires to promote judicial efficiency by allowing each matter to proceed separately. We request the parties to keep the State Board apprised of the outcome of the court case.

Therefore, it is this 27 day of February 2024, by the Maryland State Board of Education,

ORDERED that the appeal referenced above is hereby stayed until such time that the District Court rules on the ADA claim.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signatures on File:

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Clarence C. Crawford  
President