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 RESPONDENTS. :

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SYNOPSIS

In May 2013, petitioners – taxpayers in Englewood – demanded the termination of respondent Donald Carlisle’s contract as Superintendent of Schools with the respondent Board of Education because, *inter alia*, it was never approved by the Executive County Superintendent pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1*. Subsequently, petitioner Janet Poinsette withdrew from the matter.

In May, 2014, the Acting Commissioner approved a separation agreement between the respondent Board and Dr. Donald Carlisle, which rendered this matter moot.

Accordingly, the petition was administratively dismissed.

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.

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The instant controversy was commenced on May 16, 2013, when petitioners applied for the nullification of respondent Carlisle’s contract with the respondent Englewood Board of Education (Board), and Carlisle’s removal from his position of superintendent of the Englewood school district. Petitioner Poinsette withdrew from the matter in September 2013, leaving Lucy Walker as the sole petitioner.

On or about May 13, 2014, the respondent Board approved an agreement whereby Carlisle would resign from his employment as district superintendent effective June 30, 2014. The agreement had already been signed by respondent Carlisle, and was executed by a Board representative on May 14, 2014. The Commissioner has approved the agreement, in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.2*.

With the resignation of respondent Carlisle, the relief requested in the petition is satisfied and the controversy is rendered moot. Accordingly, the petition is administratively dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.<sup>1</sup>

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision: July 11, 2014  
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<sup>1</sup> This decision may be appealed to Superior Court, Appellate Division, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A:6-9.1*.