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CAROLYN BURNETTE	:	
Petitioner,	:	
V.	:	COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF EAST ORANGE,	:	DECISION
ESSEX COUNTY	:	
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SYNOPSIS

Petitioner filed an appeal in January 1998, challenging the Board's charging of her accumulated sick leave for absences associated with a work-related injury. This matter was the subject of a pending Worker's Compensation case, and was placed on the inactive list. A hearing in the matter was scheduled for January 14, 2015, but petitioner failed to appear. A notice was sent to the parties by the Office of Administrative Law on January 21, 2015, which provided the petitioner with an opportunity to submit an explanation for her failure to appear to the Department of Education within thirteen days of the notice. No explanation was filed with the Department.

There being no explanation for her non-appearance filed by the petitioner, the matter was deemed to no longer be a contested case before the Commissioner. Accordingly, the Commissioner dismissed the petition with prejudice.

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.

February 24, 2015

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The record of this matter and advisement of failure to appear transmitted by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) pursuant to *N.J.A.C.* 1:1-14.4 – along with copies of notifications sent to the parties by OAL on January 21, 2015, providing an opportunity to submit an explanation for such nonappearance – have been reviewed. There being no explanation filed by petitioner, this matter is no longer deemed to be a contested case before the Commissioner and is hereby dismissed with prejudice.^{*}

IT IS SO ORDERED.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Date of Decision:February 24, 2015Date of Mailing:February 25, 2015

^{*} This decision may be appealed to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court pursuant to *P.L.* 2008, *c.* 36 (*N.J.S.A.* 18A:6-9.1).