

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION
AND THE
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

THE TENURE HEARING OF
BARBARA DIRK,

-and-

OAL Docket No. EDU 5169-99
Agency Docket No. 78-4/99

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
PASSAIC COUNTY MANCHESTER
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
PASSAIC COUNTY.

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION,

Respondent,

-and-

Docket No. CO-H-99-325

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL SECRETARIES
ASSOCIATION,

Charging Party.

SYNOPSIS

The Chair of the Public Employment Relations Commission, in a joint order with the Commissioner of Education, finds that an unfair practice charge filed by the Manchester Regional High School District Educational Secretaries Association against the Manchester Regional High School Board of Education should be consolidated with tenure charges brought by the Board against Barbara Dirk. The consolidated case will be heard by an Administrative Law Judge. The Judge will offer recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law to both the Commission and the Commissioner disposing of all issues in controversy through a single initial decision. Upon transmittal of the initial decision to both agencies, the underlying record will be forwarded to the Commission to determine whether the bringing of tenure charges and the withholding of Dirk's increment violated the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act. The Commission's decision and complete record will then be sent to the Commissioner to determine whether the tenure charges were otherwise warranted under education law.

This synopsis is not part of the Commission decision. It has been prepared for the convenience of the reader. It has been neither reviewed nor approved by the Commission.