P.E.R.C. NO. 2003-34

STATE OF NEW JERSEY BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the Matter of

LINDENWOLD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION,

Petitioner, OAL Dkt. No. EDU 112-02

-and-

DOE Dkt. No. 489-11/01

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP PERC Dkt. No. CO-2002-235 OF LINDENWOLD, CAMDEN COUNTY,

Respondent.

PINE HILL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION,

Petitioner, OAL Dkt. No. EDU 113-02

-and-

DOE Dkt. No. 492-11/01

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP PERC Dkt. No. CO-2002-236 OF PINE HILL, CAMDEN COUNTY,

Respondent.

_ WINSLOW TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION,

Petitioner,

OAL Dkt. No. EDU 114-02

-and-

DOE Dkt. No. 491-11/01

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP PERC Dkt. No. CO-2002-237 OF WINSLOW, CAMDEN COUNTY,

Respondent.

SYNOPSIS

The Chair of the Public Employment Relations Commission and the Merit System Board entered a joint order relating to an unfair practice charge filed with the Commission and an appeal filed with the Commissioner of Education. The Commissioner will first hear and determine whether N.J.S.A. 18A:13-64 requires transfer, from a dissolved regional district to its newly configured constituents, of the tenure rights, compensation, and other terms and conditions of employment disputed by the

petitioners. The matter will then be forwarded to the Commission so that it may hear and decide any remaining issues.

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.

P.E.R.C. NO. 2003-34 OAL DKT. NOS. EDU 112-02, EDU 113-02 AND EDU 114-02 (CONSOLIDATED) AGENCY DKT. NOS. 489-11/01, 492-11/01 AND 491-11/01 (CONSOLIDATED) PERC DKT. NOS. C0-2002-235, C0-2002-236 AND C0-2002-237 LINDENWOLD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, PETITIONER, V. BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LINDENWOLD, CAMDEN COUNTY, RESPONDENT; AND PINE HILL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, PETITIONER, V. ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PINE HILL, AND PREDOMINANT INTEREST CAMDEN COUNTY, RESPONDENT; **AND** WINSLOW TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, PETITIONER,

V.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, CAMDEN COUNTY,

RESPONDENT.

The recommended Order of the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) has been reviewed by the Commissioner of Education and the Chair of the Public Employment Relations Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-17.7.

Upon consideration and consultation, the Commissioner and Chair concur with the Administrative Law Judge that the Commissioner should hear and determine the issue of whether N.J.S.A. 18A:13-64 requires transfer, from the dissolved regional district to its newly configured constituents, of the tenure rights, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment disputed by petitioners. They further concur that the Commissioner's resolution of this issue, including any threshold question as to whether petitioners' school law appeal was timely filed, should precede the Public Employment Relations Commission's resolution of the remainder of the dispute, consisting of related unfair practice charges pending before the Commission.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that this matter shall proceed pursuant to the recommendation of the OAL. The Commissioner shall, following OAL hearing and recommendation, issue his determination with respect to the interpretation of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:13-64; he shall then forward that determination to the Public Employment Relations Commission so that it may hear and decide any remaining issues. In effectuation of this process, the Public Employment Relations Commission shall stay its consideration of petitioners' unfair practice charges until it has received the determination of the Commissioner.

William LLibrera, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

Millicent A. Wasell, Chair
Public Employment Relations Commission

Dated: 12-5-07

Dated: 11 25/02