

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by

FINAL DECISION

Amy Lappos,

Complainant

against

Docket # FIC 2024-0216

Chairman, Board of Education, Middletown
Public Schools; and Board of Education,
Middletown Public Schools,

Respondents

October 23, 2024


The above-captioned matter was scheduled to be heard as a contested case on September 19, 2024, at which time the respondents appeared, but the complainant did not appear to prosecute the case.

The hearing officer notes that Attorney Dori P. Antonetti, counsel for the respondents, appeared at the hearing with two witnesses. Specifically, it is noted that Attorney Antonetti appeared with the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Communications for the Middletown Public Schools. Attorney Antonetti represented that the respondents provided the complainant with responsive records in two separate disclosures prior to the hearing. In addition, she stated that she had spent considerable time preparing for the hearing, which included conferencing with her witnesses and preparing arguments and lines of questioning. This was in addition to the travel time required for her and her witnesses to attend the hearing.

The following order by the Commission is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The complaint is hereby dismissed for failure to prosecute.
2. The complainant is admonished for her failure to appear at the hearing in this matter, which failure resulted in a waste of scarce state and local resources.

Approved by Order of the Freedom of Information Commission at its regular meeting of October 23, 2024.


Molly Steffes
Acting Clerk of the Commission

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-180(c), G.S., THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

AMY LAPPOS, 207 George Street, Unit 511, Middletown, CT 06457

**CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF EDUCATION, MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND
BOARD OF EDUCATION, MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, c/o Attorney Doris P.
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