

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by )  
James L. Calderone, ) Report of Hearing Officer  
Complainant )  
 ) Docket #FIC77-125  
against )  
 ) July 27, 1977  
Southington Board of Education, )  
Respondents )  
 )

The above captioned matter was heard as a contested case on July 14, 1977, at which time the complainant and the respondent board appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found:

1. The respondent board is a public agency within the meaning of §1-18a(a), G.S.

2. The respondent board stipulated that it met in executive session on June 20, 1977. The complainant was specifically excluded therefrom.

3. The complainant, by letter filed with the Commission on June 24, 1977, alleged that he was wrongfully denied the right to attend the aforesaid executive session discussions of the board in violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

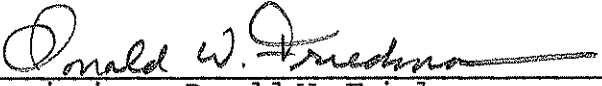
4. The matters discussed by the respondent board at the executive session here in issue were limited to strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

5. It is found that the meeting of the respondent board on June 20, 1977 was not a meeting of a public agency within the meaning of §1-19(b), G.S.

6. It is therefore concluded that the complainant was not wrongfully denied the right to attend a meeting of a public agency under §1-21, G.S. and for purposes of the within appeal under §1-21i(b), G.S.

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.

  
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Commissioner Donald W. Friedman

as Hearing Officer

Approved by order of the Freedom of Information Commission on  
August 10, 1977.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlene G. Arnold", written over a horizontal line.

Charlene G. Arnold, Clerk  
Freedom of Information Commission