## STATE OF CALIFORNIA DECISION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD



WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT,

Charging Party,

v.

WEST HILLS FACULTY ASSOCIATION,

Respondent.

Case No. SA-CO-506-E

PERB Decision No. 1861

September 29, 2006

Appearances: Zampi and Associates by Joseph P. Zampi and Arlene M. Milo, Attorneys, for West Hills Community College District; California Teachers Association by John F. Kohn, Attorney, for West Hills Faculty Association.

Before Shek, McKeag and Neuwald, Members.

## DECISION

SHEK, Member: This case is before the Public Employment Relations Board (Board) on appeal by the West Hills Community College District (District) of a Board agent's partial dismissal of the District's unfair practice charge. The unfair practice charge alleged, inter alia, that the West Hills Faculty Association (Association) violated the Educational Employer-Employee Relations Act (EERA)<sup>1</sup> by failing and refusing to negotiate in good faith over a period of eighteen months. The District alleged that this conduct constituted a violation of EERA section 3543.5(c).

By letter dated September 7, 2006, the District informed the Board that the District and the Association had mutually reached a settlement over the successor collective bargaining agreement. As such, the District is withdrawing its appeal of the partial dismissal of the unfair

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>EERA is codified at Government Code section 3540, et seq.

practice charge in this matter. The Board hereby considers the District's request to withdraw its appeal of the partial dismissal of the charge.

Having reviewed the record in this matter, the Board finds it appropriate to grant the District's request to withdraw its appeal. The Board finds the withdrawal of the District's appeal to be in the best interests of the parties and to be consistent with the purposes of EERA. The Board therefore grants the withdrawal of the District's appeal.

## <u>ORDER</u>

The request by the West Hills Community College District to withdraw its appeal of the partial dismissal in Case No. SA-CO-506-E is hereby GRANTED.

Members McKeag and Neuwald joined in this Decision.