

**OPINION SUMMARY**

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

**DIVISION FOUR**

RONALD LUELLEN,	)	No. ED101316
	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
vs.	)	of the City of St. Louis
	)	1222-CC09846
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD	)	
OF THE TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL	)	Honorable David L. Dowd
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	Filed: February 24, 2015

Ronald Luellen (“Appellant”) appeals the judgment of the trial court affirming the decision of the Special Administrative Board (“the SAB”) to terminate his employment with the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis (“the District”).

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Division Four holds: The SAB erred in excluding Appellant from the hearing room during the testimony of an adverse witness, because section 168.221.3 RSMo Supp. 2011 guarantees his right to be present with counsel during the termination hearing. As a result, Appellant did not receive a fair hearing. Therefore, the trial court’s judgment affirming the decision of the SAB to terminate Appellant’s employment with the District is reversed and remanded for a new hearing and proceedings consistent with this opinion.

Opinion by: Robert M. Clayton III, J.  
Patricia L. Cohen, P.J. and Roy L. Richter, J., concur.

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