## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

## CHARLESTON DIVISION

B. P. J., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:21-cv-00316

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, et al.,

Defendants.

## **ORDER**

Pending before the court are three motions to dismiss filed by Defendants West Virginia State Board of Education and Superintendent W. Clayton Burch [ECF No. 54], Defendant West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission [ECF No. 56], and Defendants Harrison County Board of Education and Superintendent Dora Stutler [ECF No. 58]. Within 21 days of those motions being filed, Plaintiff filed her First Amended Complaint pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(1)(B).

"The general rule . . . is that an amended pleading supersedes the original pleading, rendering the original pleading of no effect." *Skibbe v. Accredited Home Lenders, Inc.*, No. 2:08-CV-01393, 2014 WL 2117088, at \*3 (S.D. W. Va. May 21, 2014). While it is not always necessary to deny a motion to dismiss filed prior to an amended complaint as moot, it is often appropriate. *See id.* ("When a plaintiff amends a complaint while a motion to dismiss is pending, a court may deny the motion as moot.").

For the sake of clarity, Defendants' Motions to Dismiss [ECF Nos. 54, 56, and 58] are **DENIED** as moot. The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: July 28, 2021

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE