

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

**BOARD MEETING
October 16, 2008**

MINUTES

Present: John W. Moore, Jr.; Patricia V. Low; Wendella A Battey; Jaye Bailey
and Joanne Coligan

The meeting was called to order by John W. Moore, Jr., Chairman, at 9:32 a.m.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Patricia V. Low and seconded by Wendella A. Battey, the Board unanimously

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the September 18, 2008 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

- a.) Scheduling** - Jaye Bailey reported that the Board has all records to date. The next deliberation session is scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008 (Wallingford Board of Education/UPSEU/Council 4 - MDR-27,362) on the matter of who takes over as collective bargaining representative. Jaye noted that six (6) records are due before the end of the year.
- b.) Litigation** - Jaye Bailey reported that she attended a pre-trial in the State Police Lieutenants/Captains (SPP-26,634) case on Tuesday. No settlement has been reached in this case. Separate requests will be filed by all attorneys to have this case transferred to Supreme Court. She noted that we are still waiting for decisions to be issued in the Donna Bligh (MUPP-24,185) and Region 16 (TPP-25,352) cases. Jaye also noted that there are no new cases in Superior Court.
- c.) Court Reporter Fees** - Jaye Bailey reported that she received phone calls from Donna Lin and Bob Murray about bills they received from Falzarano Court Reporters for transcripts which neither had ordered. Dolores Falzarano's response to Jaye was that even though the parties did not order transcripts, someone has to cover the cost of the transcripts provided for the Labor Board. She noted that this has never happened before and assumed that the parties have to be charged to make up the difference. Dolores has been charging the Labor Board only an appearance fee for an original and three copies of the transcript and we are not sure if the rest of the cost has

been picked up by the parties when they order transcripts. Jaye advised Dolores to check her contract to see what we owe her and to send us a bill. Jaye noted that the contract allows Dolores to bill us a \$75.00 appearance fee with or without transcripts plus \$3.75 per page for an original plus 1 copy, and \$.50 per page for each extra copy. Jaye noted that Dolores has never charged us for transcripts - only an appearance fee. When Dolores reviews her contract, she may start charging us more. On the other hand, Nancy Paretto knows exactly what is in her contract and has been billing us accordingly.

Wendella Battey asked what will happen if Dolores Falzarano decides to back bill us. Jaye stated that we will then turn over the bills to Business Management who will meet with Purchasing on the matter. Wendella asked what will happen if we exceed the court reporter budget. Jaye responded that we might have to stop any further hearings or get money from another line item of general fund money if possible. Wendella also questioned if we know where we stand on current court reporter fees. Jaye stated that if Falzarano increases her billing, it will definitely affect the budget and we will have to notify Business Management of the potential fiscal impact it will have on the budget.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a.) **Statistics** - Joanne Coligan, in the absence of the Agent, reported that 162 cases have been filed since the start of the fiscal year; 153 cases have been closed and 302 remain open. Pat Low noted that the decrease in filings could be attributed to the fact that it is a political year and that more energy is focused on the political process. She noted that people are generally more concerned about the bigger economic picture and are not complaining about the little stuff.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was duly made by Wendella A. Battey, seconded by Patricia V. Low, and it was unanimously

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.