

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING November 17, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Patricia V. Low, Wendella A. Battey, Robert A. Dellapina,
Katherine C. Foley, Karen K. Buffkin, and Joanne Coligan

The meeting was called to order by Patricia V. Low at 9:50 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the Minutes of the September 22, 2010 Board Meeting.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Wendella A. Battey and seconded by Robert A. Dellapina, the Board unanimously

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the September 22, 2010 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** - Karen Buffkin reported that she expects to have two (2) draft decisions for the Board by the end of the month. Yesterday afternoon, she received a Motion to Quash a Subpoena in the matter of University Health Professionals and Priscilla Dickman from Iris Mauriello of UCHC. She sent a letter to Ms. Dickman's Council, Norman Pattis, and Brian Doyle requesting that any response to the motion must be filed by November 29, 2010.

Karen stated that Attorney Stanevich has submitted correspondence with respect to the New Haven Board of Education matter requesting that the Board be provided with copies of the decision in Regional 16 of which the Board is already aware. The record in this case is closed, all briefs have been submitted and the Board will not consider any additional evidence at this time.

- b.) **Scheduling** - Karen reported that deliberations are currently scheduled through January 4, 2011 and that all sessions are scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

- c.) **Review of Records** - Karen reported that since the September Board Meeting, five (5) records have been received and distributed to the Board. She noted that a reply brief in the Captains & Lieutenants case (SE-25,905) is expected in on the 22nd of the month.
- d.) **Litigation** - Karen reported that the decision in **Region 16 Board of Education** has been received and distributed to the Board. She noted that an amicus brief has been filed in the **Piteau v. City of Hartford and AFSCME** on October 15, 2010. Because that case had already been argued prior to the Court's order, we will not be requested to argue the matter. Karen stated that briefs have all been filed in the **Hamden** case and that oral argument will be scheduled. She does not expect oral arguments to be scheduled prior to the beginning of next year. The **City of Bridgeport** did appeal the decision issued on August 18, 2010. Karen noted that our answer has been filed and the case is set for a pre-trial on January 7, 2011. The State of Connecticut appealed the decision on the **Community and Technical Colleges** clarification and Karen will be filing a responsive pleading on Monday. She noted that Richard Sponzo of the State Attorney's Office is handling the appeal.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a.) **Statistics** - Kathy Foley reported that as of July 1, 2010, 282 cases have been filed, which represents an increase of 33 cases up from last year. During this time period, 232 cases have been closed and 362 remain open.
- b.) **Security** -Kathy Foley reported that since the last meeting, Kathy contacted Acting Commissioner Linda Agnew and told her that the Board has some concerns regarding building security and is interested in training. Since then, we have been contacted by Pat Talarita of Facilities who scheduled a meeting with Cathy Serino, Kathy Foley, and Facilities regarding the Labor Department weapons policy. Kathy distributed the current and proposed new weapons policy to the Board for their review. Pat Low stated that the real problem is the need for metal detectors in the building. She also noted that there have been instances when individuals are in the building wearing a holster which is hidden either on their ankle or other Imperceptible area.

Discussion ensued regarding a gun lockbox on the premises. Kathy noted that there needs to be more use of panic buttons. Pat noted that the buttons are not always effective because by the time it is used, an incident might have already taken place.

Further discussion on the matter ensued. Kathy stated that she will notify the Board as soon as she is contacted about training and the Board could use that opportunity to voice their concerns.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.