

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING December 15, 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 9:30 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the Minutes of the November 17, 2010 Board Meeting.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the November 17, 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 on Monday, December 20th. A third is expected to be provided for the Board on December 22nd.
- b.) **Scheduling** - Karen reported that deliberations were scheduled through January 4, 2011 as of this date. Four additional cases have been added to the updated schedule provided for the Board today.
- c.) **Review of Records** - Karen reported that since the November Board Meeting, one record has been received and two additional records are expected this month – Hamden and Norwalk.

Karen noted that the parties in the POD's case had requested an extension due to teacher negotiation schedule and a death in the family of one attorney. She noted that the initial briefs were due at the end of the month and the reply briefs are due in January. Notice was received earlier this week that Bloomfield had settled and Attorney Cordilico withdrew that complaint.

- d.) **Litigation** - Karen reported that we are still awaiting a decision in **Piteau v. City of Hartford and AFSCME** in which we filed an amicus brief. She noted that the Court calendar for Hamden has been received and that matter could come up for argument between January 31, 2011 and February 22, 2011. The **City of Bridgeport** requested a postponement of the pre-trial originally scheduled for January 7, 2011 and that new date has not yet been set. Karen reported that a motion has been filed to dismiss the appeal on the **Community and Technical Colleges** bargaining unit decision and that we were notified by the Court that the pre-trial in that matter set for January 21, 2011 will still go forward.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

Kathy Foley stated that the Board was provided with a schedule of Board Meeting dates for 2011 which must be submitted to the Secretary of State's office prior to the new year. The only month that didn't have a date set for a meeting was January. The Board decided to schedule the January Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. and the deliberation schedule would be modified accordingly.

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

VOTED to accept the Board Meeting schedule for 2011 as presented with the inclusion of the January 25th meeting date.

- a.) **Statistics** - Kathy Foley reported that as of July 1, 2010, 325 cases have been filed, which represents an increase of 21 cases up from last year. During this time period, 283 cases have been closed and 353 remain open.

Kathy reported that the window period for filing petitions officially starts in January. She noted that there are rumors that at least ten petitions will be filed during this window period.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.