

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2011

MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Patricia V. Low at 9:05 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the Minutes of the January 25, 2011 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 January 25, 2011 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** - Pat Low stated that before the presentation of the General Counsel's Report, she wanted to raise the issue of decision drafts. She noted that the January minutes indicate that two decision drafts were to be distributed to the Board on January 26th (the day after the Board Meeting), and four additional drafts were expected to be ready by the end of that week. She stated that out of seven drafts, the Board only received two and that the Board has not yet received the Stratford draft. Kathy Foley stated that she believes that several findings are in Karen's computer. Pat also inquired as to who is keeping track of the number of decision drafts the Board is reading. Kathy said she will investigate what stage the Board is in regarding decision drafts and report back to the Board.

A discussion took place regarding pending cases. Emphasis was made on cases which should be given priority status.

- b.) **Scheduling** - Kathy reported that there are two cases which have to be scheduled for deliberations – Town of Hamden & UPSEU (MPP-28,465) and Norwalk Third Taxing District & Council 4 (MPP-28,301). Robert Dellapina was assigned the finding of facts for the Hamden case and Pat Low for the Norwalk Third Taxing District

case. The Board decided to hold deliberations in the Hamden case on March 11th at 9:30 p.m. and the Norwalk case on April 12th at 11:00 a.m.

- c.) **Review of Records** – Kathy reported that two records are ready for the Board to pick up – Town of Windsor (MPP-28,425) and Norwich Board of Education (MPP-28,001).
- d.) **Litigation** – Kathy Foley reported that in the **Community and Technical Colleges** case, Kathy Berube spoke with Richard Sponzo regarding the pre-trial that is scheduled for March 16th and explained our current staffing situation to him. He told her that he would approach the Court and the Union regarding this matter and will try to get the pre-trial rescheduled for June. In the **City of Bridgeport** dispatchers case, the pre-trial has been extended to March 2, 2011. Kathy Berube has contacted the parties for further extension of the pre-trial in light of our current situation. She will also be contacting the court to let them know we cannot do the pre-trial at this time. Kathy Foley noted that any cases pending in court are being postponed.

Robert Dellapina stated that while resumes are coming in for the General Counsel position, maybe we can get someone in on a temporary basis. Kathy Foley noted that we can advertise for the position with the Bar Association for a fee. Wendella suggested we post a notice on the bulletin board, website, or use our mailing list to get the word out.

Kathy asked the Board if they would like to schedule interviews on the three resumes that have been received. The Board decided to conduct interviews on February 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 12-noon. They also decided to schedule March 1st and 4th for interviews. Kathy stated that she will check the availability of the applicants for these dates.

III. **AGENT'S REPORT**

- a.) **Statistics** - Kathy Foley reported that as of July 1, 2010, 432 cases have been filed, which is down one case since last year, 381 have been closed and 371 remain open. She noted that petitions are still coming in and that at least 20 have been received so far. She also noted that a new time saving system has been implemented

for “show of interest” which has gone over very well with the parties. Instead of meeting with the parties, they email the W-2’s to this office and a date is chosen for the election.

Kathy reported that the hearings scheduled for February 28th and March 14 have been postponed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.