

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 15, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Present: Wendella A. Battey, Barbara J. Collins, Katherine C. Foley, Harry B. Elliott, Jr. & Joanne Coligan

The meeting was called to order by Wendella A. Battey at 9:30 a.m.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Wendella A. Battey and seconded by Barbara J. Collins, the Board unanimously

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the September 17, 2014 Board Meeting as presented.

II. AGENT'S REPORT

Agent Foley reported that the November 3, 2014 hearing (Hartford Board of Education and Hartford Federation of Teachers, Case No. MPP-30,567) is canceled as the parties have reached a settlement. She reported that the November 6, 2014 hearing (Hartford Board of Education & Michael Piteau, Case No. MPP-29,195) is postponed at the request of Attorney Gagne who will be attending a pre-trial proceeding in Willimantic at 12-noon.

Agent Foley also reported that Attorney Gagne is seeking a postponement in the November 17, 2014 O'Rourke hearing because Neil Cunningham is unable to attend. Attorney Gagne indicated that he is willing to attend the hearing if O'Rourke has no objection to his attending without Cunningham. Wendella Battey stated that this should be an administrative decision and proposed that the hearing go forward as scheduled.

Agent Foley reported that the CEA Declaratory Ruling informal conference will be held here in Wethersfield on November 5, 2014. She noted that 15 employers, 4 unions plus more are expected to attend.

Agent Foley reported that filings are up 15 cases from last year at this time.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a) **Decisions** – Attorney Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on September 17, 2014, one (1) decision has been

issued - UConn/Shane LaPointe, Decision No. 4759 on September 25, 2014. Attorney Elliott reported that there are eight (8) records pending. Six (6) are due in October and two (2) in November. Attorney Battey asked how many of these records have already been extended. Attorney Elliot replied that two cases in October and one in November have already been extended. He noted that four records could potentially be extended.

- b) **Litigation Update** – Attorney Elliott reported on the following cases on appeal: **AFSCME v. Norwalk** – Oral argument in Appellate Court is scheduled for October 27, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. **Poquonnock v. SBLR** - Awaiting decision by Judge Lee. **Lamberty v. CSPU** – A pretrial was conducted on October 2, 2014. The judge denied Lamberty’s Motion for Articulation. Lamberty’s brief is due November 17, 2014; the Board’s brief is due January 5, 2015; Lamberty’s reply brief is due February 4, 2015. **New Haven Firefighters v. SBLR** – A pretrial was held on October 7, 2014 and rescheduled for December 10, 2014. **Bristol Board of Education** – The plaintiff’s brief was filed on September 30, 2014; the defendant’s brief is due October 21, 2014; and the plaintiff’s reply is due November 12, 2014. **SBLR v. Mark Blumenthal** – This case is still pending with hopes Mr. Blumenthal will appear at the October 20, 2014 hearing. Attorney Elliott reported that two appeals have been filed in the Berg case: The Stamford Career Firefighters filed their appeal on October 2, 2014. A Motion for Stay was denied per Board’s objection. A pre-trial is scheduled for November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The Long Ridge Fire Co. filed its appeal on October 10, 2014. Another Motion for Stay and the Board’s objection were filed on October 14, 2014. A pre-trial is scheduled for November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Due to the absence of Chairman Low, the Chairman’s Report was deferred until the next Board Meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.