

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 19, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Present: Wendella A. Battey, Barbara J. Collins, Katherine C. Foley, Harry B. Elliott, Jr. & Joanne Coligan. Chairman Patricia V. Low participated in the meeting via speaker phone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patricia V. Low at 11:00 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 October 15, 2014 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a) **Decisions** – Attorney Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on October 15, 2014, two (2) decisions have been issued - Oxford Board of Education (Decision #4763) and Shepaug Valley (Decision #4765). He reported that there are three (3) records pending in December.
- b) **Litigation Update** – Attorney Elliott reported on the following cases on appeal: **AFSCME v. Norwalk** – This case was argued on October 27, 2014. We are now awaiting a decision by the Appellate Court. **Poquonnock v. SBLR** - Awaiting final decision which is due on or about December 10, 2014. **New Haven Firefighters v. SBLR** – The pretrial was rescheduled from December 10, 2014 to December 18, 2014. **Stamford Career Firefighters (Berg)** - The record was filed; a pretrial was held on November 4, 2014 and rescheduled for December 8, 2014. **Bristol Board of Education** – The Appellate Court sided with us and removed the stay in September; however, the Labor Board did not get notice. We filed our brief on October 21, 2014; the Board of Education reply brief is due today, November 19, 2014. **Lamberty v. CSPU** – The appeal was withdrawn on November 14, 2014.

Shane LaPointe v. UConn - New appeal was filed on November 10, 2014 (last day due); however, the Labor Board was not named nor were we served. We filed a Motion to Intervene yesterday and are awaiting an amended appeal to be filed and the judge to give us party status. Attorney Elliott indicated that the next step after receiving party status will be filing a Motion to Dismiss.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a) **Filings** - Agent Foley reported that filings are up 14 cases from last year at this time.
- b) **Stonington Election Case** – Agent Foley reported that the Town of Stonington filed objections to the election held on October 8, 2014 and Barbara Resnick, UE Field Organizer, filed a brief in response to the objections. These documents have been distributed to the Board for their review. She noted that there is an election scheduled for tomorrow involving one position where an objection has been filed. She indicated that she will be putting together a packet of information regarding this case for the Board's review.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a) **Subpoenas** – Chairman Low raised the issue of eliminating the serving of subpoenas at our hearings. The Board agreed with this suggestion. Chairman Low asked Attorney Elliott to put together a legislative package for the Board to review on this matter.
- b) Chairman Low raised the issue of PARS. After a long discussion on quarterly reviews and who was subject to PARS, it was agreed that Agent Foley, Attorney Elliott, and the four Assistant Agents will submit PARS as was done in the past.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

