

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD
OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 27, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Patricia V. Low, Board Members Wendella A. Battey & Barbara Collins (via speaker phone), Katherine C. Foley, Agent & Harry B. Elliott, Jr., General Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Low at 10:10 a.m.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the August 31, 2015 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a) Decisions** – Attorney Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting (8/31/15) four (4) decisions have been issued: West Hartford Board of Education Dec. No. 4838, Enfield Dec. No. 4840, West Haven Dec. No. 4841, Bridgeport Dec. 4806-A.
- b) Records Pending:** Attorney Elliott reported that there is one (1) record pending for the month of October: East Hartford (MPP-31294). There are three (3) records pending for the month of November: NIPSEU/CACP issue, Enfield Teachers Association (TUPP-31201) & State DOC (SPP-31112). There is one (1) record pending for the month of January: Hartford Board of Education & Piteau (MPP-29195). There are two (2) records pending for the month of February: New Haven (MPP-31241) & State & Lawrence (SUPP-31223).
- c) Litigation Update** – Attorney Elliott reported on the following cases on appeal: **Bristol Board of Education** – SBLR brief filed with appellate court 8/17/15; Union brief filed 10/5/15; Board of Education reply expected by 11/5/15. **Stamford Career Firefighters (Berg)** –Pre-argument on 10/16/15; Company's brief due 12/28/15; SBLR & Berg's briefs due 1/27/16. **Oxford Board of Education** – Superior Court – Board of Education brief filed 9/21/15, Union brief filed 10/21/15 – Rejected by court (overlong); SBLR brief filed 10/21/15. **New Haven (Briscoe)** – Case removed to Federal Court – no activity. **SBLR v. Blumenthal** – will withdraw when record closes.

New England Consortium meeting in Boston 10/23/15.
Tentative 2016 conference in Portsmouth New Hampshire on 7/29/16.

ALRA conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia 7/16/16 – 7/19/16.

Wachusett Inn closed – is now a substance abuse recovery center.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

Agent Foley stated we are down around twelve (12) fillings from last year. Kathy reported that Judy continues to fill in for both Joanne Coligan (retired) and Tiffani Smith (resigned) and is doing a yeoman's job. Kathy Berube is helping out where she can.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Patricia Low suggested that they start taking home the Piteau transcripts to read due to the volume. Patricia asked Agent Foley the status of filling the vacant positions. She reported that she has interviewed two individuals and hopes the position will be filled shortly. The Administrative Assistant position will be on hold for a period of time.

The Board advised Attorney Elliott to withdraw the court matter pertaining to the Piteau case.

Patricia Low requested that the record reflect that Attorney Elliott reported on the status of the Oxford appeal but is recused from that case.

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.