

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
LABOR DEPARTMENT

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF  
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES UNION INDEPENDENT  
-and-  
DOROTHY ABRAHAM

MARCH 12, 1997

Case No. MUPP-18,304

APPEARANCES:

Attorney Richard A. Mills, Jr.  
For the Norwich Board of Education

Attorney Edward T. Lynch, Jr.  
For the Union  
Municipal Employees Union Independent

Dorothy Abraham

**PROCEDURAL ORDER**  
**GRANTING MOTION TO QUASH**

On June 20, 1996, Dorothy Abraham (the Complainant) filed a complaint with the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations (Labor Board) alleging that the Municipal Employees Independent Union (the Union) had engaged in practices prohibited by the Municipal Employee Relations Act (the Act) by breaching its duty of fair representation.

The complaint was dismissed by the Agent of the Board on October 9, 1996 and appealed by the Complainant on October 29, 1996. A hearing is scheduled for March 13, 1997.

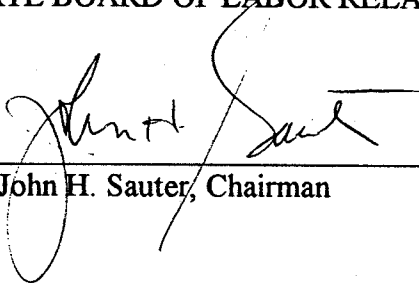
On December 18, 1996 the Complainant requested that the Agent issue subpoenas to Walter W. Juzwic, Superintendent of Schools, and Joan Barber, his secretary, among others. On March 6, 1997, counsel for the Norwich Board of Education (School Board) filed a Motion to Quash the subpoenas of Juzwic and Barber. The School Board argues that the complaint involves a complaint against the union, an internal union matter, and does not involve either Mr. Juzwic or Ms. Barber. Moreover, with regard to the documents requested by the Complainant, the March 29, 1995 letter is not in the School Board's possession. As for her personnel file, the Complainant has the right to

request her file which they will supply to her upon request, but the Superintendent's presence at the hearing is not necessary to present this information.

On March 10, 1997, the Complainant filed, by fax, a reply to the Motion to Quash alleging that Mr. Juzwic and Ms. Barber would be able to provide critical information concerning the origin and content of the March 29, 1995 letter. In addition, Mr. Juzwic may be in possession of internal memos, note, etc. from other School Board personnel which may be relevant.

Based upon the complaint filed with this Board, the Motion to Quash and the Reply to the Motion to Quash, we hold that the request for the Subpoenas to Juzwic and Barber are not related to the complaint filed and is overly broad. We therefore grant the Motion to Quash.

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John H. Sauter, Chairman