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Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board

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CLOSED MINUTES BOARD MEETING

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

DATE:

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

PLACE:

1511 Pontiac Ave., Building #73, 2nd Floor, Cranston, RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Walter Lanni

Frank Montanaro Elizabeth S. Dolan

Marcia B. Reback Scott G. Duhamel

Bruce A. Wolpert

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gerald S. Goldstein

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robyn H. Golden, Administrator

Lisa L. Ribezzo, Labor Board Case Agent

Margaret Hogan, Esq.

Chairman Lanni called the meeting to order in Open Session at 9:10 a.m.

All Board Members present reviewed the Closed Minutes of the November 26, 2013 Board Meeting. A Motion was made by Frank J. Montanaro and seconded by Bruce A. Wolpert to accept the Closed Minutes as written, and it was unanimously

VOTED: by all Board Members present to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

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UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE CASES:

Case No. ULP-6117
 City of Woonsocket & International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO), Local 404

After review of the informal notes in this matter, a Motion was made by Bruce A. Wolpert and seconded by Elizabeth S. Dolan, to treat the pending matter before this Board as a Motion to Dismiss by the City of Woonsocket; thus, direct the parties to file Briefs on the Motion to Dismiss, within twenty (20) days of the date of the Administrator's correspondence to that effect. After discussion, Bruce A. Wolpert, Elizabeth S. Dolan, and Marcia B. Reback voted in favor of the Motion. Walter J. Lanni, Frank J. Montanaro, and Scott G. Duhamel opposed the Motion. Motion failed.

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Subsequently, a Motion was made by Marcia B. Reback and seconded by Frank J. Montanaro to uphold the charge in this matter, issue a Complaint, and proceed to formal hearing. After discussion, Walter J. Lanni, Frank J. Montanaro, Marcia B. Reback, and Scott G. Duhamel voted in favor of the Motion. Elizabeth S. Dolan and Bruce A. Wolpert opposed the Motion. Motion passed.

Case No. ULP-6122
 Westerly School Department & RI Laborers' District Council, Local 808

After review of the informal notes in this matter, a Motion was made by Bruce A. Wolpert and seconded by Frank J. Montanaro, to uphold the charge in this matter, issue a Complaint, and proceed to formal hearing. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

3. Case No. ULP-6123 North Providence School Committee & North Providence Federation of Teachers', Local 920

After review of the informal notes in this matter, a Motion was made by Marcia B. Reback and seconded by Frank J. Montanaro, to uphold the charge in this matter, issue a Complaint, and proceed to formal hearing. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS CASES:

1. Closed Minutes: June 28, 2011; April 12, 2011 (To be opened and posted)

After review of the submitted closed minutes, a Motion was made by Elizabeth S. Dolan and seconded by Frank J. Montanaro, to publish the closed minutes from the above-mentioned closed Board Meeting(s). After discussion, Walter J. Lanni, Frank J. Montanaro, and Elizabeth S. Dolan voted in favor of the Motion. Board Members Marcia B. Reback, Scott G. Duhamel, and Bruce A. Wolpert did not participate in the vote on this matter, as they were not Board Members at the time the minutes were issued. Motion passed.

At 10:05 a.m., Board Members Elizabeth S. Dolan and Bruce A. Wolpert left the Board Meeting; Elizabeth S. Dolan is recused from the below listed matter; Bruce A. Wolpert did not participate in the matter.

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Superior Court Case No. School Committee-2013-4261 - Case No. ULP-6088
 Town of North Kingstown & North Kingstown Fire Fighters, Local 1651,
 International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) (Litigation)
 (Elizabeth S. Dolan is recused in this matter)

Attorney Hogan reviewed the aforementioned matter with the remaining Board Members; explaining how the matter proceeded, as well as the status of the case. After discussion, a Motion was made by Frank J. Montanaro and seconded by Marcia B. Reback to have Attorney Hogan file a joint Motion with Attorney Wiens for clarification of certain sections of Judge Sterns Decision; as well as giving Attorney Hogan the authority to appeal Judge Stern's Decision regarding the Stay that is in effect in this matter. Walter J. Lanni, Frank J. Montanaro, Marcia B. Reback, and Scott G. Duhamel voted in favor of the Motion. Elizabeth S. Dolan is recused from this matter. Bruce A. Wolpert did not participate in this matter. Motion passed.

A Motion was then made by Marcia B. Reback and seconded by Frank J. Montanaro to resume the meeting in open session at 10:15 a.m. for the purposes reading into the minutes the determinations made by the Board in Closed Session, as well as adjournment. After discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: by the Board Members present to resume the meeting in Open Session at 10:20 a.m.

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