

Sedgwick County Area Educational Services Interlocal Cooperative #618
and Special Services – NEA Teacher’s Association

MEETING NOTES

9/6/2011
Cooperative Office
6:00 – 7:10 p.m.

Present: Craig Elliott, Chief Negotiator; Dru Walter, Special Services – NEA Teacher’s Association President; Bruce Nicholson, Board member, Chantal Cox, Special Services – NEA Teacher’s Association; Beth Briggs, Special Services – NEA Teacher’s Association, Cindy Meyer – NEA Teacher’s Association and Karen Kuhn, Assistant Director.

The session started with the NEA Teacher’s Association asking that the Board consider reopening and amending the 2010 – 2011 contract. They requested that the Board review and consider rewording to the Defined Benefits – Phase Out Option to include teachers who work less than full time. The Board agreed to take their request to the next Board of Directors’ meeting, scheduled for September 15, 2011, for consideration.

Dr. Elliott then started the discussion by asking the Teacher’s Association if they are willing to consider other offers or if they are set on the step increase. The Teacher’s Association indicated that they were but expressed concerns related to changes in special education paperwork, higher caseloads, supervision of paraeducators and increases in the cost of insurance. Due to those and other factors they felt it was important to provide for step increases.

After a brief caucus both sides returned to the table at which time the Association asked the Board what they were willing to offer. The Board indicated that they were willing to increase their previous offer of a one-time payment of \$500.00 to a one-time payment of \$700.00. The Association asked for additional information including: the approximate monthly Cooperative payroll amount, the actual total cost of the one-time payment, and the actual cost of providing a step increase. The information was provided to the Association.

After another brief caucus both sides returned to the table. Upon returning, both sides agreed to complete a Petition for Impasse Declaration.

At this time, no future meetings have been scheduled.