

WSD/WNEA Bargaining 2008 Update

January 8, 2009

The teacher team and the district teams met Thursday, January 8th, at WMS for bargaining.

District Team Members:

Susan Hladky, Chair, Keri Monsees, Susan Gauzy, Laura Smith, Ben Hebisen, Phil Ryguski

WNEA Team Members:

Julia Luetkenhaus, Chair, Scott Kiehl, Jennifer Berendzen, Marcia Petrus, Lynne Miller, Lori Roach, MNEA UD

The teams made progress on the issue of administrator evaluations and keeping teacher input on those confidential. The District team has several minor policy revisions that were agreed to by the teams. The teams also are close to an agreement on a committee structure to revise the teacher evaluation instrument.

The teams discussed the issues of having current teachers report arrests to the district. The Association is concerned that this could broadly impact a teacher's due process under the law. Also, under current law, only convictions are required to be reported to DESE. The teams are still working on this issue. The teams discussed the retiree sub rate, release time, year round pay, and transfers. Some progress was made but these issues will need further attention during the bargain.

At the next meeting on January 22nd, the issues of retiree sub rate, release time, year round pay, transfers, penalties for release from a teaching contract, leave time, teacher work load, and the contents of a master agreement are on the agenda.

Please let us know if you have questions or any feedback.

Thank you for your support!