

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Laconia Education Association/NEA-NH

Complainant

Case No. E-0060-1

Decision No. 2008-131

Laconia School District

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Respondent

ORDER Re: DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS OR HOLD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RESULT FROM GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The district seeks dismissal or delay in the conduct of the June 24, 2008 hearing in this matter on account of pending grievance proceedings. The association objects. The parties dispute whether a pending grievance can resolve the issues raised in this matter, with the district suggesting the grievance process has the potential to resolve all issues, and the association contending that certain issues will remain unresolved, whatever the outcome in the grievance process. The district has filed the June 20, 2008 superintendent's grievance decision. The matters raised and addressed in the superintendent's decision overlap with the claims raised in the pending complaint. At the pre-hearing, counsel for the district represented that any school board hearing and decision on any appeal of the superintendent's decision will take place by July 15, 2008.

The district's motion is granted and the hearing currently scheduled for June 24, 2008 is cancelled and rescheduled to July 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., a date identified as acceptable to the parties at the pre-hearing. Any hearing briefs shall be filed on or before July 21, 2008.

So ordered.

June 23, 2008.

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