

State of New Hampshire Public Employee Labor Relations Board

Ashland Teachers' Association, NEA-NH

and

Ashland School District

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Ashland Teachers' Association

Case No. E-0187-1 Decision No. 2015-189

<u>Order</u>

On July 13, 2015, the Ashland Teachers' Association, NEA-NH (NEA) filed a challenge petition requesting an election to determine an exclusive representative of the existing bargaining unit comprised of certain employees of the Ashland School District (District) currently represented by the Ashland Teachers' Association (ATA). See PELRB Certification of Representative and Order to Negotiate, Case No. T-0307 (October 2, 1978). The NEA has also filed a modification petition seeking to add certain positions to the existing bargaining unit. See PELRB Case No. E-0187-2. The NEA's modification petition was granted. See PELRB Decision No. 2015-188. The subject bargaining unit now contains the following District positions:

Unit: All full time and part time teachers, school nurse, library media specialist, and guidance counselor.

Id.

The challenge election petition is supported by the requisite number of authorization cards. See PELRB Report Re Confidential Inspection of Authorization Cards (July 27, 2015).

Pursuant to the PELRB Notice of Filing, issued on July 14, 2015 and posted by the employer, and PELRB Decision No. 2015-176 granting the District's request to extend time to file a response, exceptions, objections, and petitions to intervene were due no later than August 5, 2015. No exceptions, objections, or petitions to intervene have been filed in this case. Accordingly, the NEA's request for a secret ballot election to resolve the question of representation is granted. An Order for Election shall issue forthwith and a pre-election conference shall be scheduled in accordance with Pub 303.02.

So ordered.

August 11, 2015

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