Geri Lawton et al. and John Stark Regional School District, SAU #24 and John Stark Support Personnel Association/NEA-New Hampshire, Decision No. 2017-045 (Case No. E-0124-3).

<u>Background</u>: Certain employees of the District filed a decertification petition seeking a secret ballot election to determine whether the Union will continue as the certified exclusive representative of a support staff bargaining unit. The Union objected to the petition and requested dismissal on the ground that the Union and the District were parties to a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) expiring in June of 2019, which barred any consideration of decertification petition at present under Pub 301.01.

<u>Decision</u>: The petition for decertification was dismissed on the ground that the it was filed prematurely because existing CBA constituted a bar to election under RSA 273-A:11, I (b), Pub 301.01, and PELRB Decision No. 2011-107.

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