# NEGOTIATION MINUTES 

May 16, 2016
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Amy White, Ralph Binion, Frank Monasterio, Albert Longhurst, Cliff Ogborn

MHEA PRESENT: Luke Franklin, Rich Urquidi, Robynn Schipani, Topher Wallaert
OTHERS PRESENT: Rhonda Urquidi, Denise Weis, Marilyn Kellerman, Rita Olson, James Main, Janet Hughes

MINUTES: Sharon Whitman
NEGOTIATIONS STARTED: 4:30 p.m.
These negotiation minutes are a synopsis of the conversations of the negotiation meeting. Both the District Administration Office (Board or District) and the Mountain Home Education Association (MHEA or Association) recorded the negotiation meeting. A copy of the audio is posted on the school district website within a week of the negotiations meeting. For additional information, please contact either the MHEA (Richard Urquidi) or the District Administration Office (Sharon Whitman).

Where the term "master agreement" and "master contract" are used, the true name of the document is Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and may be used in place of it.

1. Welcome/Introduction

- Rich - handed out the agenda.

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Mountain Home School District and Mountain Home Education Association
Bargaining Session Agenda
May 16,2016
Item 1: Welcome/Introductions
Item 2: Review of Previous Minutes
    May 11,2016
Item 3: Other
Item 4: Old Proposal
    DIST/MHEA Proposal #
    DIST/MHEA 2.4 CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE PERSONAL LEAVE
    DIST Salary Schedule Discussion #1
Item 5: New Proposals
    DIST/MHEA 2.5 CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE PROFESSINAL LEAVE
    MHEA Salary Schedule Discussion#1
Item 6: Set Next Meeting Date
Item 7: Adjoum
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2. Review of Previous Minutes - May 11, 2016

- Both parties approved the minutes.

3. Other

- 1.3 Requests to the District Insurance Committee
~ Amy - stated for the record, that both teams did communicate via email on Friday, May 13, on the research regarding employee satisfaction with the current insurance carrier.

4. Old Proposals - Board Proposal 1

- 2.4 Certificated Employee Personal Leave
~ Both parties previously signed this off, but a correction needed to be made changing the word SubFinder to Aesop.
~ Both parties signed the corrected copy

- Board Salary Schedule Discussion \#1
~ Amy - Did you [MHEA] have the chance to discuss the concept or idea of the [Board] Career Ladder?
* Robynn - My concern is that the BA>24 and the MA are so close to each other, no real jump [salary-wise], no incentive to get a MA.
- Amy - Remember this [CBA] is for one-year; it is a snapshot of SY16-17, and may look differently next year or the year after.
* Topher - The schedule stopped at MA and didn't give the desire for teachers to further their education to $\mathrm{MA}+10$ or PhD . I like incentives, as do other teachers, otherwise you get teachers who don't progress past $\mathrm{BA}<24$; there isn't any incentive to go past MA.
~ Amy - Looking at a Career Ladder, how would you [MHEA] propose it look?
* Rich - Add one more lane.
~ Amy - Have you [MHEA] attempted to create a Career Ladder?
* Rich - Yes, and we will have that for you today.
~ Amy - So adding one more lane, is what your idea is? I assume that would be addressing educational advancement.
* Rich - Correct.
~ Luke - I really liked the Career Ladder compared to what you [Board] have now, I liked the conversation about how the allocation from the state jumps erratically, and your [Cliff's] schedule's jumps are uniform.
* Amy - Cliff's Career Ladder version followed the states concept,t but isn't wed to the state's jumps and growths. I commend Cliff for the work.

5. New Proposals

- MHEA Counter to Board Proposal 1-2.5 Certificated Employee Professional Leave
~ Rich - This [2,5] is what we had talked about regarding DA leave days. We [MHEA] would like to delete the reference in the third paragraph about the Professional Leave being at the
discretion of each building's Professional Leave Committee. We [MHEA] would like to add the last paragraph that states that eight (8) days would be set aside for anyone wishing to attend DA, no matter what building the person is in; whatever days are not used by March 1, would go back into the Professional Development fund.
* Amy - Was there a problem this year with someone who wanted to go [DA] and didn't get to go?
- Robynn - In my building, we had someone who couldn't go, but it was a lot of leg work to move that leave from our building to another building.
- Rich - it wasn't a super big problem, but it could be.
~ Amy - So you want to take eight days off of the top before the PD days are divvied out to the buildings.
* Rich - Correct. Again, any days not used by March 1 would go back to the PD funds.
~ Amy - I assume that the building reps are the people who go to the DA, each rep from each building.
* Rich - It is voted on. First, we [MHEA] ask who would like to go and then it goes out districtwide to vote on whom they want to represent, so you could have three people from one building and no one from other buildings.
* Amy - The building reps are supposed to go back to the buildings and explain what went on during DA, what they learned, etc., so eight people from one building attending, how would the information be passed to other buildings.
- Rich - The information would get disbursed to the membership.
~ Ralph - Is there someone who automatically goes, that doesn't have to be voted on?
* Rich - The president [MHEA].
~ Amy - We'll talk about that at caucus.

- Board Salary Discussion Item 1 Continued - Not a Proposal
~ Rich - Luke was that [Career Ladder] the last one or is it the new one for today?
* Luke - the last one, I haven't costed it out yet, but we can do that during caucus, because just before caucus, I also have a scattergram.
* Both parties reviewed the two Career Ladder discussion items, one from the Board and the other from the MHEA.
$\sim$ Rich - Ours [MHEA] has the extra lane, the MA+10.
* Amy - so the [current] BA+0, BA+10, and BA+20 are folded into your Career Ladder under BA.
- Rich - Yes, the first three lanes of our current scheduled is folded into BA.
* Discussion on how the columnsof the MHEA Career Ladder were broken out and how the original salary schedule columns were folded into the MHEA Career Ladder.
- BA+0 and BA+10 are folded into MHEA Career Ladder BA
- BA+20 and BA+30 are folded into MHEA Career Ladder BA+24
- MA+0 is folded into MHEA Career Ladder MA
- MA+10 and PHD+0 are folded into MHEA Career Ladder MA+10
* Amy - Is there a set amount between cells?
- Luke - It is based on $\$ 33,400$, and then $4 \%$ jumps down the Steps $1-12$
* Amy - Luke, you froze at Step 6?
- Luke - Correct, but I put in the existing amounts from the current salary schedule.
* Amy - looking at the structure, your BA through MA only has 12 [rows] and MA+10 has 14 [rows], so what was your thought process.
- Luke - It was that unless you [teacher] get more than an MA+10, you [teacher] aren't going to be getting any farther [on the Career Ladder] than where you [teacher] are in those columns. It's motivation for someone to go beyond a MA degree.
* Discussion began about the structure, the numbers, the purgatory lanes on the current schedule, the reasoning behind the salaries in each column of the MHEA Career Ladder and how it compared to the Board Career Ladder, how the lanes moved from the current schedule to the Board Career Ladder to the MHEA Career Ladder.
- Board Career Ladder Example - MA+0 row $5(\$ 37,861)$ on the current salary schedule, would be a MA row P2 $(\$ 37,915)$ on the 2015-16 Board Career Ladder conversion, and a MA row P3 $(\$ 41,200)$ on the 2016-17 Board Career Ladder.
- MHEA Career Ladder Example - MA row P2 $(\$ 37,915)$ on the 2015-16 Board Career Ladder conversion, and a MA row P3 $(\$ 41,200)$ on the 2016-17 Board Career Ladder, would be a MA row $4(\$ 41,246)$ on the 2016 -17 MHEA Career Ladder, and MA+10 row $4(\$ 42,999)$ on the MHEA Career Ladder.
* Amy - Was there any salary increase built into this [MHEA Career Ladder] or just movement?
- Luke - just a touch [increase], if you [teacher] were at \$37,824 before, you are now at $\$ 37,915$, so no other increase.
* Amy - Explain how someone who is a MA+10 row $14(\$ 56,734)$ [MHEA Career Ladder] moves.
- Luke - They would drop down to $\$ 56,734$, so they wouldn't see an increase.
* Amy - so the numbers 1-14 [MHEA Careel Ladder] don't equate to the number of years?
- Luke - Right.
* Amy - so the $\$ 59,146$ [Board Career Ladder Conversion, green color] would be \$59,146 on your [MHEA] Ladder.
- Luke - Not all of the green, just some of the green.
- Amy - Which some of the green?
- Luke - the \$59,145 [Board current salary schedule] would go into \$59,146 [MHEA Career Ladder], but \$57,625 [Board current salary schedule] would go into $\$ 57,211$ [MHEA Career Ladder] concept wise.
* Cliff - Starting with the current salary schedule, the same beginning balance for 2017 [BA \$33,400], but then you [MHEA Career Ladder] max out after 6-years [\$41,246], isn't that a little aggressive.
- Luke - No, not really, in another word, in your [teacher] first six years a teacher would be expected to get 24 -credits.
* Amy - When you [MHEA] put this [MHEA Career Ladder] together, what goals were you trying to reach, because when we first put this together you [MHEA] had three goals, no one earns less, teachers top out faster, and showing growth; were those the three issues you were looking at?
- Luke - The thing they [MHEA] wanted was to get rid of the purgatory years.
- Discussion began about the purgatory lanes and where Luke put the numbers into his scattergram.


- Amy - Any other questions before we caucus?
~ Caucus from 4:57 p.m. until 5:46 p.m.
- Discussion continued on the Board's Career Ladder and on the MHEA's Career Ladder. ****Note: Negotiations had to temporarily relocate to a classroom to use the projector.
~ Luke - One of the things that bothered me [about the current salary schedule] were the columns at the bottom, $\mathrm{BA}+30, \mathrm{MA}+0, \mathrm{MA}+10, \mathrm{PHD}+0$, at the last cell there is a big jump from purgatory to $7 \%$ increase.
* Amy - So about a $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 4,000$ jump.
~ Luke - To get rid of that jump, I split the difference.
* Discussion regarding Luke explaining the salary differences and moves between BA+24, MA, and MA+10 with an added column of $\$ 57,211$.
~ Amy - You [Luke] added a cell and you have 14 rows, where did we condense from the District's discussion version [current salary schedule] with 18 rows.
* Luke - I got rid of the repetitive rows and condensed it down to 14 rows.
- Amy - So you took all of the lower purgatory [cells] and squished it.
- Luke - Yes
~ Amy - A BA $+30(\$ 50,861)$ row 13 would end up in the BA+30 row 17 .
~ Luke - I costed out each cell. I will email Cliff our [MHEA] Ladder.
* Discussion began regarding the salaries in the different cells and the costs; the MHEA's addition of MA +10 column - the MHEA feels that teachers shouldn't stay at just MA.
~ Ralph - Luke the $\$ 9.5$ million cost that you have, is that the total cost?
* Luke - Yes, instructional and ballpark figure.
~ Amy - Any other questions?
* Rich - Cliff, what figure did you have with salaries?
- Cliff - About a $\$ 150,000$ salary increase and this [MHEA Career Ladder] is about \$700,000.
~ Amy - Luke, would you email the [MHEA Career Ladder] to Cliff and me.
****Note: Luke emailed his Ladder to most everyone involved.
****Note: Negotiations moved back into the library
~ Clarification: the salary schedules and hypothetical Career Ladders from both parties are discussion items only and not a proposals.
- Amy - We [Board] will need to do some research and some math, but we understand the issues and the priorities you [MHEA] outlined. We will explore some options for a potential fourth column.
- Amy - We [Board] will also need to do some homework on the MHEA Counter Proposal to the Board Proposal 1-2.5 Certificated Employee Professional Leave to determine the costs.
- Amy - I do have one more thing and it was what you asked for at the last meeting.
~ Amy - Board Proposal 2-1.3 Requests to the District Insurance Committee.
* Amy - I did change this a little from the concept we talked about. The more we talked about the issues with regard to a trigger, the more we felt that by putting an artificial number, that we at the table choose, takes away the discretion of the Insurance Committee, and they are in a better position than we with regards to matters involving insurance.
- Amy - What this effectively does is it puts this [Section 1.3] into the hands of the Insurance Committee to determine whether they think the numbers for renewal is high enough to go research the data. We [both parties] left the steps that we would like the Insurance Committee to follow, and we converted Steps 9 and 10 into a paragraph.
- Amy - A correction needs to be made to the title because this is Section 1.3 and not 1.1.


## District 2 on section 1.1 Insurance Committee

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REQUESTS TO THE DISTRICT INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Due to historical fluctuations in health insurance premiums and changes in the health
insurance industry due to the Affordable Care Act and legal interpretations of such Act,
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necessitating a-change of earrier for the 2015-2016-sehoel year, the District and the
Association request that should the District's renewal costs for Health Insurance reach a
level that causes the Insurance Committee to have concern regarding the ability to sustain
the policy for the District and its employees, the Insurance Committee shall commence
research into other insurance options during the coturse of the 20165-20176-seheel ye to
present information and recommendations to the representative parties during a
negotiation session in the spring of 20176.
Among the considerations that the Insurance Committee may consider could include the
following Speeifieally, the Distriet and Asseeiation request researeh and information are
provided as follows:
1. Research all possible carriers/providers for all coverage - medical, dental, and vision - with review of all coverage provided and premium costs.
a. Identify the health care providers in the Mountain Home region who are included as providers under each of the respective plan options.
2. Identify other local school districts using the same carriers/providers and obtain information as to the satisfaction of the District and of the employees who are using these providers.
3. Research the impact to premium and overall District costs associated with dropping the option of providing spouse coverage.
4. Engage in a background check, including BBB review, of any new carrier/provider being considered.
5. Research the impact to all District employees associated with the possibility of the employee covering partial payments.
6. Engage in a cost/benefit analysis with regard to decreased premium costs and the possible increase of deductibles.
7. Research the impact of Wellness Plans on the premium costs to the District.
8. Research regarding employee satisfaction with the current insurance carrier.
9. Insurance Committee starts its work in November 20165 .
10. A retired persen-should be on the Distriet Insuranee Committee
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#### Abstract

The Insurance Committee should commence its work on or before November, 2016, with at least one (1) retired person sitting on such committee. Should the parties to this Agreement MOU enter into negotiations for the 201 $\underline{76}-201 \underline{8} 7$ contract year, it would be the request that each party's negotiation team include a member of the District's Insurance committee.


- Rich - We have one more.
~ Rich - MHEA Proposal 1 - Recertification Reimbursement
* Amy - Is this something that is in the current agreement?
- Rich - No, it is a policy. I believe it used to be in there [CBA]. It is a policy and it can certainly stay in policy, and we can talk about that when we get there, but it's something that we [MHEA] were thinking about putting into the agreement.
* Rich - It [recertification reimbursement] sat at \$500 since I've been in the district and one of the questions I asked Cliff was whether we use that whole budget item and he said that we usually don't.
- Cliff - To date, we are at \$10,500 and we budgeted for \$9,000.
- Rich - Okay, I just went off of what you told me [previous meeting].
* Amy - And the rest of the language is all policy?
- Rich - Yes, I just copied from policy.
* Amy - Teachers begin their 5-year cycle span with $\$ 500$, so teachers can tap that $\$ 500$ day 1 of the cycle.
- Rich - And then you have to wait another 5 [years].
- Amy - And it's front loaded.
- Discussion on how teachers recertify and how the reimbursements worked.

- Amy - One more question. Have you [MHEA] put any thought into the Extracurricular Salary Schedule?
~ Rich - I have not.
* Amy - Nor have I, but it seems like it is built off the current salary schedule.
* Rich - I felt we had enough to tackle right now.
- Amy - Agreed.

6. Next Meeting

- Rich - handed out the proposed dates to meet next.
~ Rich - We [MHEA] were looking at May 24, but we are open to May 25 and/or May 26, because it's the end of school, so if we need to get something done, we can get it done.
* Ralph - Thursday, May 25, is out, because it is BMHS's graduation.
~ Rich - Asked if negotiations could move back to MHJH Libray.
* Albert - We rotated the buildings to try to get and make it easier for other staff to attend.
- Discussion began regarding where and when to hold the next negotiations meeting as well as possibly meeting earlier in the day on May 25 and 26.
- Amy - We will discuss the two proposals, the insurance, the professional leave, reimbursement, career ladder, and extracurricular.
~ Rich - Regarding the salary discussion, where are we going to start?
* Amy - we are going to look at a 4-coulumn idea and research the cost of the various schedule suggestions.

| DATES FOR NEXT NEGOTIATIONS MEETING |
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| Tuesday May 24, 2016, Wednesday May 25 or Thursday May 26 |
| 4:30 pm or 5:00 pm or earlier for discussion |
| Date Requested: May 16, 2016 |

7. Adjourn:

- Next Negotiations Meeting: MHJH Library - Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. NEGOTIATIONS ENDED 6:12 p.m.

