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Ashwaubenon Teacher Contract Enters Mediation

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 28, 2010 - The Ashwaubenon School District and the Ashwaubenon Education Association have been in negotiations related to their teacher contract for 18 months. Although the process has proceeded as planned, the district and Ashwaubenon Education Association jointly determined that a mediator would benefit both parties. On Thursday, May 20, the board of education and the AEA determined that they would seek a mediator from the Wisconsin Employment Relations Council, which is standard practice for school related negotiations and follow-up mediation.

Lead teacher negotiator, Dean DeBroux said “The AEA is committed to the collective bargaining process and negotiating a fair contract. Hopefully a mediator will help us reach a voluntary settlement”. The school district and union have been meeting since May 2009 and have made some progress but not enough to warrant a voluntary settlement. Board President Mark Williams notes, “We have reached a point where we need help to resolve a wide difference in our proposals. Mediation will help this to happen.”

Both the AEA and the school district have worked together to select a mediator. Mediation will begin in July, as both parties work to solidify dates and times of these important meetings.

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