

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of:

The District of Columbia
National Education Association,

Petitioner,

and

The District of Columbia
Public Schools,

Agency/Employer.

PERB Case No. 85-R-03

Opinion No. 108

DECISION AND ORDER

On February 21, 1985 the District of Columbia National Education Association (DCNEA) filed a "Recognition Petition" with the District of Columbia Public Employee Relations Board (Board) seeking to represent employees of the District of Columbia Public Schools (Employer) who are members of the following collective bargaining unit:

"All full-time ET-15 employees and regular part-time ET-15 employees who work at least one-half time, in the following classifications: Elementary and Secondary Teachers, Attendance Officers, Child Labor Inspectors, Counselors (elementary and secondary schools), Librarians (elementary and secondary schools), Pupil Personnel Workers, Audio-Video Coordinators, Curriculum Development Specialists, Reading Specialists, School Social Workers, Speech Therapists, Hearing Therapists, School Psychologists, Psychiatric Social Workers, Placement Counselors, and Job Coordinators."

This unit is currently represented by the Washington Teachers' Union, Local 6, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO (WU) whose current contract expires on April 21, 1985. DCNEA's Petition was timely filed in compliance with Board Rule 101.8(b).

On February 25, 1985 Board Notices were forwarded for posting at employee work sites. On March 11, 1985, WU informed the Board of its desire to intervene pursuant to Board Rule 101.7. On March 14, 1985, Employer forwarded the employee list to the Board.

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The Petition was properly accompanied by a showing-of-interest meeting the requirements of Board Rule 101.2. The incumbent labor organization, WIU, is not required to submit a showing-of-interest under the Board rules. All showing-of-interest documents and the employee list were inspected and deemed authentic.

In its request to intervene, WIU contends that DCNEA's petition should be dismissed because the signature cards supporting the petition were allegedly obtained by fraud, deceit and misrepresentation. The Board has investigated the allegations raised by WIU and concludes that DCNEA has properly met the 30% showing-of-interest requirement. Accordingly, an election is authorized to determine the will of the eligible employees in the previously deccribed collective bargaining unit of the District of Columbia Public Schools.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

An election is authorized pursuant to Section 102 of the Interim Rules of the Board to determine whether the eligible employees of the District of Columbia Public Schools wish to be represented by the District of Columbia National Education Association; the Washington Teachers' Union, Local 6; or no union in bargaining with the Employer concerning compensation and terms-and-conditions of their employment.

BY ORDER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD
April 16, 1985