GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD

In the Matter of:

Teamsters Local Union ⁴ Nos. 639 and 730,

Petitioners,

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PERB Case No. 91-1-01 Opinion No. 291

District of Columbia Public Schools,

Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

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Having considered the respective positions of the parties, including their mutual desire to submit the non-compensation items to final and binding arbitration, the Board has concluded that the next logical step in this proceeding is to order that a Board of Arbitration be established to resolve, through final and binding arbitration, the non-compensation issues that remain in dispute. We are not authorized to consolidate this proceeding with the compensation impasse proceeding in PERB Case No. 91-I-04; however, since a Board of Arbitration has been appointed in the compensation proceeding, we hereby order the appointment of that same Board of Arbitration to preside over this interest arbitration proceeding concerning the non-compensation items at issue.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to D.C. Code Section 1-618.2, the noncompensation items at issue in the contract negotiations between Teamsters Local Union Nos. 639 and 730 are hereby referred to final and binding arbitration;

2. The non-compensation issues are to be heard by a tripartite Board of Arbitration to be composed of M. David Vaughn, Chairman; Ellis A. Boston and John Catlett.

3. The Board of Arbitration will have forty-five (45) days from the commencement of the arbitration hearing on the noncompensation issues to render an award, unless both parties agree, in writing, to an extension.

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