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Methacton School Board and Methacton Education Association Reach Agreement on Fact Finding Report, End Contract Negotiations

(Eagleville, PA) – The Board of School Directors of the Methacton School District and the Methacton Education Association have reached an agreement to resolve the outstanding teachers' contract negotiations.

The Board and the Methacton Education Association have been bargaining a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement since January 2020.

In December 2020, both parties jointly requested the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board to appoint a neutral Fact Finder to review the open issues in dispute between the parties.

A hearing occurred on January 15, 2021 where evidence was presented before the Fact Finder. The purpose of this engagement is to provide a process that allows both parties to present to a neutral third-party findings of fact whereby the Fact Finder can produce recommendations to the parties.

The Fact Finding Report was issued January 25, 2021 and can be reviewed here.

At a Special Meeting of the Board on February 3, 3021, the Board voted 9-0 to accept the Fact Finding Report.

"I am pleased that the Methacton Education Association and the Board of School Directors have accepted the Fact Finder's Report," Superintendent Dr. David Zerbe said. "I believe that tremendous effort from both parties contributed to this compromise. The result is an agreement that is fair to both parties and the taxpaying community."

Act 88 of 1992 provides for Fact Finding as an impasse resolution measure when parties involved in collective bargaining are unable to arrive at a Contract settlement.

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