



## Newsletter—Special Edition

### Message from the President

This information represents the best efforts of the PTE Bargaining and Leadership Team to keep you informed about what is currently happening with regard to bargaining the master contract between Bates Technical College and the PTE Union.



As of July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Lynn Macdonald picked up five “banker boxes” of financial documents from the College to inspect and analyze. While we wished to have received the materials months ago, we are pleased to have them at last. Andrea Hardy, a research specialist from WEA, will be assisting

us with the task of doing so. Our goal is to complete that task prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> of June when we return to the bargaining table.

As of now we have the following days scheduled for bargaining:

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> all dates from 9-4

July 28th 9-4, 29<sup>th</sup> 9-12, and 30<sup>th</sup> 9-4

Our goal is to be finished with the bargain prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, but if we need to work into August for a fair settlement, we are willing to do so. Our members deserve no less.

In addition to the assistance we are receiving from Andrea Hardy, we are receiving legal assistance from WEA staff attorney, Eric Hansen who has previously represented the PTE unit in legal cases against the College. Some of the issues he is working on are possible violations of the public information laws, unfair labor practice(s), and other complaints to be filed with the Public Employees Relation Commission.

On another front we are grieving a number of situations related to Reductions in Force. Three such cases are at level three and at least one more is in the preliminary stages. We will be reporting out to you as these reach resolution or are appealed further.

We hope this information is helpful to you and provides you with reassurance that we are working very hard on your behalf. We have multiple fronts we are working on and we are employing specialists with the education, training and experience to provide us with the greatest opportunity to be successful in our endeavors.

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