

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:

WASHINGTON EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION

Involving certain employees of:

WAHKIAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

CASE 14733-E-99-2455

DECISION 6878 - PECB

INTERIM CERTIFICATION
Representation Election
by Agreement of Parties

Julie Green, Representative, appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

W. Robert Garrett, Superintendent, appeared on behalf of the employer.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The above-named petitioner timely filed a petition for investigation of a question concerning representation with the Public Employment Relations Commission, involving certain employees of the above-named employer. The showing of interest filed in support of the petition was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient. The employer declined voluntarily to recognize the petitioner as the exclusive bargaining representative of its employees.
2. As a result of preliminary processing of the petition, the Commission proceeded with determination of the question concerning representation, and issues framed concerning the eligibility of certain employees for inclusion in the bargaining unit were reserved for subsequent determination.
3. These representation proceedings were conducted in the bargaining unit described as:

ALL EMPLOYEES WHO CONDUCT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE WAHKIAKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR WHICH NO CERTIFICATION IS REQUIRED, EXCLUDING SUPERVISORS, CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES WHEN PERFORMING AS SUCH, CASUAL EMPLOYEES AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES.

4. All proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the Commission, in a manner designed to afford the affected employees a free choice in the selection of a bargaining representative. A tally of the result was previously furnished to the parties, and is attached hereto. The reserved eligibility issues do not affect the outcome of the question concerning representation. No meritorious objections have been filed with respect to these proceedings.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The bargaining unit described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing findings of fact is an appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining.
2. All conditions precedent to issuance of an interim certification have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

1. The employees of the above-named employer in the appropriate bargaining unit described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing findings of fact have chosen:

WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

and that organization is certified as their exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with their employer.

2. The above-captioned matter is remanded for further proceedings on the eligibility issues previously reserved, as described in paragraph 2 of the foregoing findings of fact.

Issued at Olympia, Washington, this 8th day of November, 1999.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director