STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 286, AFL-CIO,

DECISION NO. 1508-B - PECB

Involving certain employees of:

FIFE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417

CASE NO. 4131-E-82-772

ORDER CLOSING CASE

Jim Hendry, Business Representative, appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Connelly, Labor Connelly & Associates, by <u>John R.</u> Relations Consultant, appeared on behalf of employer.

Ed Wolf, Field Representative, appeared on behalf of the incumbent intervenor, Public School Employees of Washington.

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 286, AFL-CIO filed a petition with the Public Employment Relations Commission on June 30, 1982, for investigation of a question concerning representation of certain employees of Fife School District No. 417. Public School Employees of Washington was granted intervention in the matter based on its status as the incumbent exclusive bargaining representative of the employees involved. A pre-hearing conference was held on August 17, 1982. A Direction of Election was issued on September 17, 1982 (Decision 1508 (PECB, 1982)), ordering that an election be held and that eligibility issues concerning the status of "substitute" employees, "building secretaries" and the "head bus mechanic" be reserved for hearing in proceedings to be conducted after the election. An election was held on October 19, 1982 and a runoff election was held on November 15, 1982. Challenged ballots were insufficient in number to affect the outcome of the runoff election, and an interim certification was issued on November 23, 1982 designating Public School Employees as the exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit. (Decision 1508-A (PECB, 1982)). Local 286 thereafter took no further part in the proceedings. When the Commission thereafter took steps to bring the matter on for hearing to make determinations on the issues reserved in the Direction of Election, the employer and PSE requested that the proceedings be delayed pending 4131-E-82-772 Page 2

negotiations between those parties. On November 21, 1983, the Commission, was notified in writing, that the disputed issues had been resolved, but the parties did not detail the final resolution of the outstanding matters. Having considered the matter, and being satisfied that no further proceedings are warranted,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

- 1. The interim certification issued on November 23, 1982 designating Public School Employees of Washington as exclusive bargaining representative of the employees involved shall be deemed the final certification in the matter.
- 2. The proceedings in the captioned matter shall be deemed closed.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 23rd day of November, 1983.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARVIN L. SHURKE, Executive Director