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School Board Stands Ready to Meet with BEA to Continue Negotiations

The community has been asking how this strike will come to an end.

The Board told mediator Ira Lobel at the close of negotiations Wednesday it is ready and willing to meet with the BEA to continue talks to reach a multi-year contract agreement. Lobel, the mediator is hired by, and was mutually agreed upon, by both parties for his expertise and both sides are therefore reliant on him to shepherd this process.

At this delicate stage, the mediator is regularly in touch with both parties and he will let the Board know when he feels another meeting would be productive based upon what he hears from the union. To meet for the sake of meeting, without the likelihood of success, would be counterproductive as it falsely raises community expectations.

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