

PRESS RELEASE

The Shaker Regional School Board and Shaker Regional Education Association, NEA New Hampshire have been involved in negotiations for the past 8 months, following last year's declaration of impasse. Both parties are pleased to announce that a 3-year contract has been reached and has been ratified by both the school board and the teacher's union. The teachers are currently working without a contract.

Tom Goulette, Chair of the Shaker Regional School Board Negotiations team, said "This agreement addresses some of the key goals of the board: (1) to secure the professional services of our teachers for a three-year agreement; (2) stabilizes the benefit package and (3) provides uniformity to the salary schedule." Mr. Goulette said he was pleased with the collaborative atmosphere under which negotiations was conducted.

Brian McNabb, Chair of the Shaker Regional Education Association Negotiations team said, "This is a fair agreement which ensures a predictable and productive environment for the future while taking into account district stakeholders and the current economic conditions." Mr. McNabb said the open exchange of concerns and solutions during negotiations was essential to reaching an agreement.

More details of the agreement will be forthcoming in January and will be posted on the district's website, www.sau80.org.