



Full Steam Ahead into the Bargain!



The VEA bargaining team consists of VEA Executive Director, Rick Wilson – President, Kari Van Nostran – Primary Representative, Anne Wiley (Roosevelt) – Intermediate Representatives, Jamie Anderson (Lincoln) and Dave Warner (Fruit Valley)– Middle School Representative and bargaining chair, Keith Lloyd (Alki MS) – High School Representative, Rose Emanuel (Fort Vancouver HS) – and Special Education Representative, Elaine Fritschie (Lincoln).

The district is represented by Brett Blechschmidt (chair), Kathy Everidge, Daniel Bettis, Mychael Irwin and Christine Iremonger.

As you know we are nearing the end of a three-year contract that expires on August 31, 2021. Your VEA team has been working numerous hours poring over survey data and notes from our listening sessions to determine priorities from various member groups. We have also reviewed the entire contract chapter-by-chapter noting areas of language and developing proposals.

The VEA bargaining team met with the district team all day on March 17th to exchange the initial set of non-monetary proposals. Currently the VEA shared 21 proposals that affect almost every area of the contract and we received 18 proposals from the district, which we will review and prepare responses to in the coming week. Both parties are expected to submit additional non-monetary proposals at the March 31st session.

As we start to consider proposals that have cost implications, we will carefully review the district’s budget outlook as well as the VEA’s budget analysis. The VEA will begin to submit monetary proposals starting on the 31st, however we have agreement with the district that we do not need to have all proposals submitted and/or finalized until the state budget has been set by the current legislature.



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