

Bethel teachers settle with district

A tentative settlement was announced Tuesday after a four-hour strike by teachers in the Bethel School District.

Teachers walked out at 6 a.m. after lengthy negotiations failed to produce an agreement. The settlement was announced about 10 a.m. by state mediator Nancy Ruiz.

The teachers planned to vote on the proposed contract later in the day. No details of the contract were available immediately.

The settlement was announced after a negotiation session that lasted nearly 24 hours. About 20 strikers picketed outside the district's administration building Tuesday morning as talks continued inside.

The breakthrough came when the entire seven-member school board met with the teachers' negotiators at 4:30 a.m. to make the district's final offer, said board chairman David Brown.

"Both sides were willing to give, and that's what brought

us together," he said.

The district's 236 teachers were told to work in their buildings for four hours Tuesday before their vote on the contract, said David Mandelblatt, president of the Eugene Education Association.

Nearly 4,000 students would be back in school Wednesday if teachers approved the contract, he said.

The walkout was the first teachers' strike in Oregon this school year and the 16th by Oregon teachers since 1972. Teachers in the Eugene School District went on strike in 1987 and in 1979.

Meanwhile, teachers in McMinnville said they would strike Thursday if a contract is not reached. A negotiating session in McMinnville was scheduled for Wednesday.

The Bethel teachers' contract expired last summer. Contract talks began a year ago but reached an impasse in May. Teachers rejected a fact finder's recommended settlement in December.

The main roadblock had been the teachers' contention that they should receive salaries and benefits closer to those paid to teachers in larger nearby school districts in Eugene and Springfield.

School officials said the teachers' contract demands would require higher taxes and hold Bethel taxpayers hostage to wage levels set by neighboring school districts.

Teachers asked for a 6 percent salary boost this year that would push their average salary to \$30,300. The district offered 4.5 percent, which would put the average salary at \$29,871.

Teachers in the Eugene district received a 4.55 percent salary hike this year and will receive a 5 percent boost next year. The average teacher salary in Eugene currently is \$33,189.

Other issues included insurance, professional development, the number of classroom aides and extra-duty pay.

Winter storm hits Oregon

A storm moving across Oregon on Tuesday knocked out radio and television transmitters with lightning strikes on the south coast and dusted low-lying valleys with snow that created icy road conditions blamed in two deaths.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for the north coast mountains above 500 feet, predicting as much as 10 inches of snow by the end of the day. Snow advisories were issued for the south and central Coast Range.

Snow fell from Portland in the north to Ashland in the south, making slick driving conditions for morning commuters in the Willamette and Rogue valleys.

Lightning strikes around Coos Bay knocked out two radio transmitters, left a television station on reduced power and caused local power outages, said Drew

Walker, station manager for KBBR radio in North Bend.

Interstate 5 was closed periodically over Mount Sexton north of Grants Pass and some exits around Medford were treacherous, state police said.

Through the Cascade Range, snowplows were running and traction devices were required for vehicles from the Columbia River south to Santiam Pass, the state Highway Division reported.

At the California border, Siskiyou Pass on Interstate 5 was reported open.

Snow showers were predicted for Tuesday night reaching again to valley floors in Western Oregon, with rain and snow expected Wednesday as the snow level rises to 1,500 feet.

East of the Cascades, snow was predicted for the northern part of the state, with a chance of snow in the south.

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Wild thing, I think I love you!
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PASCHA and JADI. Have a great day from your friend in Henderson.

SARAH M
I am nothing without your touch
Nothing without your Kiss
To spend each night in your arms,
my flower
Is my idea of bliss
P.A.E.

SNOW
Sensitive guy, almost 20, looking for caring, understanding kuma. Meet me at Glenwood Sunday 9:00.
WYRON

TO DUNCAN across the hall
loved that dress you wore and I'd love to see it again. Chinese food? From Gee I Wonder

To The HOT IR Student:

WILL YOU MARRY ME?

If so, meet me in front of Chiles at 2:00 TODAY

Love, Your WCM

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Speak softly, touch gently and know that I care
Little Girl
P.S. potato

HEATHER
Won't you be my Southern Bell Valentine?
Your Secret Admirer in Anthro.

105 PERSONALS

GREEKS! Today is the day to turn in your order envelopes from last week-ends party. WALLY.

G.T.S
Computers... huh? 831? Dealin' silly get a room! Thinking of you, caro?
U.I. Architecture

AXQ
Jen, Yvette, and Andrea
The house dance was a blast.
But there is one thing to pity.
We don't remember much.
Cause we were all so sh-tty!
Danny, Joe, and Joel

Carla
Congratulations to you and your happy hunter
Love, K.T. Henderson

Dear Tiny Buddy
Will you be my Valentine even at chilly CSU
Love, Rob

ΔΥ
Thanks for the great time Saturday night. Both Gamma Phi and Delta had a blast! Let's do it again sometime!

FIJI'S
WE WERE THERE - JUST SCATTERED...
THANK YOU FOR THE MULTIPLES!
LOVE, KAPPAS

ΦΚΨ
HOSPITALITY, GREAT SPAGHETTI, FUN GUYS, AND THUMPER... WHAT MORE COULD WE ASK FOR - ? THANKS,
THE KAPPAS

Happy Birthday Dani! So that means 19? or is it 15?
Men of Smith Hall, 3rd floor & Hungry Horse

105 PERSONALS

Happy Birthday
Dave H
Love, W

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SARAH S.
Meet you in 368 days at Guido's!
Your Fellow Aquarian Gwen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BUB
Love, Ann

Hey Bonger from DeCou
You're the bestest roommate
Whoop whoop whooper
Love ya, Lusch

Jenny R. is somewhat nifty
G

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You're the greatest!
-Scott the R.A.

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RED!
To the good, the bad. Sorry for everything. TIME
Love, Betty, BJ, and Guthrie

ΣAE
The P.J. party was a blast! Thanks for a great time and congrats on 'T'
Love, Pi Phi's

SARAH M. in Willcox
I want to be the water in your bath.
P.A.E.

Second Floor Adams
You guys are awesome
You all make dorm life much better!
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ΣΦE
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