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**NESHAMINY FEDERATION OF TEACHERS VOTE
OVERWHELMINGLY TO GRANT LEADERS EXPANDED
AUTHORITY IN CONTRACT TALKS**

***NFT'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZES LEADERSHIP
TO CALL A STRIKE OR WORK TO CONTRACT AT THEIR DISCRETION***

LANGHORNE, PA (JUNE 20, 2011) — In a vote of confidence for Neshaminy Federation of Teachers leaders, members overwhelmingly authorized them to take stronger actions aimed at ending the stalemate in contract talks with the Neshaminy School District.

During a meeting at Carl Sandburg Middle School attended by approximately 80 percent of the NFT membership, teachers approved a motion authorizing the union's executive committee to implement job actions, including work to contract and/or a strike, to get the bargaining process moving toward an agreement.

The action came just a week after a schedule bargaining session that ended when negotiators for the Neshaminy School Board refused to discuss any contract issues.

"We affirmed tonight that teachers will stand together to make a difference," said Beth Boyle, a first grade teacher at Samuel Everitt Elementary School, after the meeting.

"The certified staff spoke loud and clear this evening that they are fed up with the district's failure to negotiate in good faith," NFT President Louise Boyd said. She stressed that NFT members remain committed to the collective bargaining process, and no job action is imminent.

Teachers plan to attend Tuesday night's School Board meeting. The NFT also plans to step up its activities over the summer to press the Board to make a commitment to the bargaining process.

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