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CSEA, WESTCHESTER COUNTY RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS Union disappointed county proposal nearly identical to defeated 2016 deal

WHITE PLAINS – Negotiating team members for CSEA Westchester County Unit 9200 met Wednesday, Sept. 20 with county officials to resume negotiations for a successor agreement to the union contract that expired Dec. 31, 2011.

During that meeting, the county's negotiator submitted a verbal offer, based on a proposal that was voted down in 2016 by 2,200 CSEA members.

"This latest proposal is unacceptable to our CSEA Negotiating Committee," said Unit 9200 President Karen Pecora. "It was nearly identical to the agreement our members already overwhelmingly rejected. One of the changes they did offer was still not equitable to what they negotiated with other bargaining units.

CSEA submitted a written potential settlement proposal in April, and after five months, county officials rejected it almost in its entirety.

Pecora noted that she and her officers, as well as Negotiating Committee members, are always available to meet with Westchester County negotiators to negotiate an agreement with new proposals, and not a version of the previous proposal that was voted down so overwhelmingly.

"CSEA is confident that we can negotiate an agreement that is fair to both workers and taxpayers," Pecora said.

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