

# Teacher contract update

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Neshaminy school board President Ritchie Webb announced Tuesday night that the teachers will not be getting salary or step increases for the 2008-09 school year as part of any future contract agreement.

"This means that teachers have effectively lost any salary increase at all for the current school year," Webb read from a statement.

Union Vice President Anne Schmidt, who was at the meeting, deferred comment to President Louise Boyd, who was not at the meeting. The newspaper was unsuccessful in reaching her for comment.

School board members claimed they notified the Neshaminy Federation of Teachers Tuesday in writing that they're withdrawing that part of their proposal. The district's previous offers as of April 2008 included salary and step increases for the current school year.

Since the board refuses to offer retroactive pay, the two sides have yet to strike a deal, and this school year is almost over, district officials decided to make that change. Any further discussions will take place at the bargaining table, Webb said.

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