

District 15 contract talks

Teachers in Palatine Township Elementary District 15 have waited the 10 days required by law and are now eligible to strike, though no date has been set. On Tuesday, school board members held a special closed-session meeting to prepare for the next round of negotiations, which will take place Thursday. The top issues are salaries, health insurance and retirement benefits.

The teachers

Lisa Nuss, chief negotiator for the teachers,

would not give details about the union's position. "We are not going to negotiate in public and in the press," Nuss said.

The district

- Salary: Offering a 9.5 percent salary increase over the next three years, as well as additional increases related to years of service, extracurricular stipends and tuition reimbursement.
- Health insurance: Wants to maintain current contribution rates. Requesting changes in

how much prescription medication teachers would receive for each \$15 co-pay.

- Retirement: Proposes allowing a teacher to give advance notice of intent to retire and receive up to three years of 6 percent salary increases.

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