Sugar board, teachers still negotiating
Few decisions reached during most recent bargaining session

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Sugar City — Few decisions were reached last week in the ongoing negotiations between the Sugar Education Association and the Sugar-Salem School Board of Trustees.

In a follow-up negotiations meeting last Friday, one item of discussion from the first negotiations meeting was revisited, a change of phrase in the master agreement regarding parent, pupil and staff comments. The SSEA came up with an alternative phrase, “authenti- cated and in writing,” to replace the original phrase, “substan- tiated and validated,” because the school board found it to be subjective.

“Anybody can substantiate or validate anything,” said Board Chair Kristin Galbraith.

After further discussion, the SSEA and the board agreed to leave the statement as it was. A discussion followed on a policy about prep time for P.E. and music teachers. There was some concern from the SSEA that P.E. and music teachers have more preparation time and less duty time. The SSEA wanted to make sure P.E. and music teachers had the same amount of duty time and prep time as other full-time teachers, and the board said that if they are going to calculate prep time, they need to make sure all teacher work days are standard throughout the district, changing the policy so all are equal.

As it is in current school policy, according to Superintendent Alan Dunn, teachers only have to wait a half hour before sub- stitute arrive and a half hour after they arrive.

The two groups determined to look separately at the issue and work it out at a future date.

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Brown gets slight ease of sentence
 Attempted murder case
 lanced woman in prison

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ST. ANTHONY — A convicted felon was granted a slight ease of sentence on a Rule 35 hearing.

The defendant, Jocsa Joy Brown, 25, of Rockview, was charged with attempted murder of her stepfather, Eric Norlen, of Idaho Falls, at the hearing.

Brown, 25, was convicted of attempted murder in connection to the shooting death of her stepfather, Eric Norlen, of Idaho Falls, in February 2010. The shooting resulted in a rule 35 sentencing hearing in February.

On April 6, 2014, Norlen was shot multiple times in his home in Island Park by Brown’s cousin, Jermaine Wiley, 20, of Salt Lake City.

Norlen survived the attack and testified against both defendants during their sen- tencing hearings in February.

Brown was originally sentenced to a life prison term in March 2014.

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The hearing was held in Idaho Falls.

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Local man guilty in federal hazardous waste case
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