

Lamphere Federation of Teachers, Local 1614 Records

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Related Material: AFT President’s Office: Albert Shanker, AFT President’s office: 1960-1974, Michigan Federation of Teachers.

History:

Lamphere Federation of Teachers, Local 1614 was chartered by the American Federation of Teachers on July 27, 1965. The local slowly grew to be the sole collective bargaining union for the district's teachers. There were occasional merger discussions with the Lamphere Education Association but they proved to be unfruitful. In 1973 the union went on strike against the district. Later that year the school board filed a lawsuit against the union seeking damages for refusing to bargain in good faith. By 1977 the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a union could not be sued for damages. LFT continued to grow and deal with issues over budget cuts and education reforms in the 1980s and 1990s.

Scope and Content: The collection has materials of communications and board meeting minutes that document the growth and concerns of the local over the years. The legal documents of the lawsuit filed against the union gives a perfect example of the issues in the 1970s about how school districts fought teacher unions to hold onto their power.

Papers consist of memos, correspondence, seniority lists and lay-off lists, minutes, legal documents, newspapers clippings, and election materials

Important Subjects:

Michigan public employee unions
Michigan Federation of Teachers

Important Names:

Mark Cousens
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Arrangement: Alphabetical order

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