

More than 600 Greece parents, students, and residents filled the Apollo Middle School auditorium on the evening of September 23 voicing their support for Superintendent of Schools Dr. Margaret Keller-Cogan by chanting, stomping, holding signs, and a nearly 10-minute-long standing ovation.

On Thursday, the Board of Education scheduled the special meeting, to vote to hire an educational consultant to conduct an investigation into Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) complaints. The Board voted 5-3 to hire the consultant, who will be retained by the Board's new legal counsel, Harter, Secrest & Emery.

At the Friday night meeting, Board of Education President Ken Walsh said that despite rumors circulating in the community, "...the Superintendent's tenure has never been an issue on our agenda for tonight, or at any other time."

It later came to light that attorneys representing the Greece Board of Education asked that Dr. Keller-Cogan "leave the district" for three weeks while an investigation into the EEOC complaints is conducted.

In a request to Dr. Keller-Cogan's attorney on the afternoon of September 23, the Board's legal counsel asked Dr. Keller-Cogan to remain off District property for the duration of the investigation because her presence would influence the outcome. The request came just before the special meeting of the Board of Education.

There has been no further communication or requests from the Board's attorney.

Dr. Keller-Cogan's plan is to return to work on Monday, October 3, after being away on previously-scheduled District business this week. She has reiterated her commitment to serving the staff and students in the Greece Central School District.