

WISCASSET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

v.

WISCASSET EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Argued June 9, 2020
Decided June 16, 2020

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Wiscasset School Department appeals from an order of the Superior Court (Lincoln County, *Billings, J.*) denying its motion to vacate an arbitration award in favor of the Wiscasset Education Association. Contrary to the School Department's contentions, the award did not exceed the scope of the arbitrator's contractual and statutory authority. *See* 26 M.R.S. § 970 (2020); *Xpress Nat. Gas, LLC v. Cate St. Capital, Inc.*, 2016 ME 111, ¶¶ 8-11, 144 A.3d 583; *Lisbon Sch. Comm. v. Lisbon Educ. Ass'n*, 438 A.2d 239, 243-44 (Me. 1981). We also disagree with the School Department that the award violated public policy. *See* 26 M.R.S. §§ 965(4), 970 (2020); *Dep't of Corr. v. AFSCME, Council 93*, 2000 ME 51, ¶ 14, 747 A.2d 592.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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