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Winsted Community Lawyer Charlene LaVoie, right, and Rose Nader, mother of presidential candidate and consumer advocate Ralph Nader, ask questions about why the public wasn't allowed to attend a binding arbitration hearing concerning school administrators' salaries yesterday.

Public locked out of school hearing

Ralph Nader's mother rips decision

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WINSTED — A frustrated group of 10 citizens was left on the wrong side of a locked door yesterday after it tried to attend a binding arbitration hearing between the school administrators union and the Board of Education.

"We would like to go in (to the proceedings) with you," Rose Nader, Winsted resident and mother of nationally known

consumer advocate Ralph Nader, said in the hallway of the Isabelle M. Pearson School, near the classroom where bargaining was to take place. "If you were honest you would say we could go in."

But, after a brief discussion, the three arbitrators appointed by the state voted 2-1 not to allow the public in and a town police officer was called in to

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