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3 mayor candidates in debate

By MARK TRAUTWEIN

The three candidates for mayor of Berkeley met last night in a "debate" attended by nearly 500 persons in South Berkeley's Episcopal Church.

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Incumbent Mayor Warren Widener focused on the city's ability during his four year term to attract state and federal funds. He said

Some demands dropped

Teachers vote 'no' to strike

By NORMAN COLBY

Replied to an immediate strike effort by the Berkeley school district teachers' union to get a salary hike, negotiators still are negotiating.

The teachers have accepted all contract improvements already agreed upon, and want their negotiators to return to the table in an effort to obtain a salary hike at least contingent upon unpredictable factors, while the teachers dropped their demand for a "firm 10 percent," switching to a "contingent up to eight percent.

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The crowd was in no mood for speeches, but chief CEC

Director Bill Thomas said the 13 excess administrators are required by federal or state directives, according to Business Services Director Bill Thomas.

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Washington (AP) — "A no-strike" settlement was reached in a labor dispute between the D.C. Public Schools and 10,000 of its employees, including teachers and staff from the city's 107 schools, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) said.

The agreement, covering the contract years of 1974-75 and 1975-76, was reached after 12 days of negotiations. The union presented a proposal for a 20 percent raise in 1974-75 and a 30 percent raise in 1975-76.

The settlement includes a 12 percent raise for the 1974-75 contract year, with a 20 percent raise for 1975-76, the union said.

"This is a fair and reasonable agreement that will improve the working conditions of our members," said the union's president, John C. Beckett.

The settlement also includes a provision for a 1 percent cost-of-living adjustment for the 1975-76 contract year, the union said.

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