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allow her to pay \$1,100 a month to keep her medical insurance.

Page said she doesn't want a handout - just to do what she loves most.

"I really define myself as a teacher," said Page, who holds a master's in library science, a bachelor's in education and can speak three languages. "I really loved what I did and feel I can do it again."

That may be determined March 26 and 27, when an arbitrator will determine whether, as Page puts it, "they can just call me sick and kick me out" - or in more formal terms, terminate Page's employment on the grounds of incompetence.

"The board will uphold their fiduciary responsibility to the district," Interim Superintendent Ed Rhine said this week. "Basically, we're saying we're going to do what we have to do."

However, Rhine, who's known Page for years, said he would try to intervene and create a mutually agreeable solution should the arbitrator rule against the district.

Board President Burke said there may come a time when the board can legally speak publicly about a matter they've intensely

discussed privately, and he indicated he'd welcome that opportunity.

"It's very frustrating [right now] because we can't say a word," he remarked.

In the meantime, Page is grateful for the support of the community and the Liberty Faculty Association - who represented the bulk of speakers at Monday's board meeting.

"It's really cool to hear people and kids say the things they did," she said, having heard of their comments through multiple phone calls.

She also tearfully expressed thanks for a loving family that has kept her from losing her house and helped her through what's become the roughest period of her life.

But what happens if she is ultimately denied employment with the Liberty Central School District?

One response will be legal:

"I'll file disability discrimination charges," she said.

The other will be practical:

"I have so many ideas that whatever happens, I'm ready to roll on them," Page explained. "Maybe I'll write a book."