

A regular meeting of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System Board was held at the General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Conference Room A, Dimondale, Michigan, on Thursday, December 11, 2008. The following members, staff and observers participated:

Members Present: Ivy Bailey, Active Classroom Teacher Member
Lenore Croudy, Community College Trustee
Jeff Hoffman, General Public Member, Actuarial Experience
Steven Jagusch, General Public Member, Investment Experience
William Lawson, Retired Finance/Operations Member and as a representative of the largest retiree organization
Edwin Martinson, Reporting Unit Board of Control Member
Susan Meston, Active Superintendent Member
Richard Montcalm, Finance/Operations Member, Non-superintendent
John Olekszyk, Retiree Member
Diana Osborn, Non-Certified Support Member
Sally Vaughn, representing the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Staff Present: Phil Stoddard, Executive Secretary
Terry Rideout, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Marie Wilkerson, Don Miller, and Joe Curtin of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; Robert Dwan of the Michigan School Business Officials; Rob Spagnuolo of Waverly Community Schools; Richard Schaper of Western Michigan University; Branco Bojicic of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Barb Aikman of the Vision Services Plan; Krista Davis of Priority Health; Jim Wright and Carol Nolan, and Chad Prittie of EyeMed; Lisa Eggert of Delta Dental; Richard Williams of Williams & Co.; Stephen Rideout and Thomas Quasarano of the Attorney General's Office; Tom Sinnaeve Sr., Tom Sinnaeve Jr., and Anthony Alexander; Laurie Hill, Kathy Tober, and Kerrie Vanden Bosch of the Office of Retirement Services.

Call to Order

Chair Diana Osborn called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

Lenore Croudy moved, Susan Meston supported, to excuse the absence of Martha Pichla. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Richard Montcalm moved, John Olekszyk supported, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

John Olekszyk moved, Susan Meston supported, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2008, meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Introduction

Chair Diana Osborn asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ernie Dear.

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2008-12787 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Edwin Martinson moved, Ivy Bailey supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendation of the Presiding Officer in the October 13, 2008 PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, except for the changes requested by Respondent, and deny Petitioner's request to purchase out-of-system service credit for the period he was employed by Wayne State University and his request for damages, using the form of decision and order offered by Respondent. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2008-221 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Edwin Martinson moved, Steven Jagusch supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendation of the Presiding Officer in the October 7, 2008, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and deny Petitioner's request to change the computation of his final average compensation, using the form of decision and order offered by Respondent. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2008-17735 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Ivy Bailey moved, Steven Jagusch supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendation of the Presiding Officer in the October 14, 2008, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law except for the changes requested by Respondent, and deny Petitioner's application for duty or non-duty disability retirement benefits, using the form of decision and order offered by Respondent. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2008-22380 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Richard Montcalm moved, Susan Meston supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendation of the Presiding Officer in the October 9, 2008, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2008-12782 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Ivy Bailey moved, Susan Meston supported, that the Board reject the recommendation of the Presiding Officer in the August 29, 2008, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and grant Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was denied with of 7 no votes and 4 yes votes.

Ivy Bailey	yes	Lenore Croudy	yes
Steven Jagusch	no	Jeff Hoffman	no
William Lawson	yes	Edwin Martinson	no
Susan Meston	yes	Richard Montcalm	no
John Olekszyk	no	Diana Osborn	no
Sally Vaughn	no		

Edwin Martinson moved, John Olekszyk supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendation of the Presiding Officer in the August 29, 2008, PFD, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law and deny Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved with 8 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Ivy Bailey	no	Lenore Croudy	yes
Steven Jagusch	yes	Jeff Hoffman	yes
William Lawson	no	Edwin Martinson	yes
Susan Meston	no	Richard Montcalm	yes
John Olekszyk	yes	Diana Osborn	yes
Sally Vaughn	yes		

Unfinished Business

Motion for Reconsideration – Docket 2007-AH028 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Richard Montcalm moved, Edwin Martinson supported, that the Board deny Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved with 9 yes votes and 2 no votes.

Ivy Bailey	yes	Lenore Croudy	yes
Steven Jagusch	yes	Jeff Hoffman	yes
William Lawson	no	Edwin Martinson	yes
Susan Meston	no	Richard Montcalm	yes
John Olekszyk	yes	Diana Osborn	yes
Sally Vaughn	yes		

New Business

Resolution for Jeff Hoffman – Edwin Martinson moved, Richard Montcalm supported to adopt the resolution for Jeff Hoffman as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Standing Reports – Committee Reports

Legislative Committee – Richard Montcalm reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed House Bills 6636-6640/Senate Bills 1638-1642 (IRS technical amendment bills), and Senate Bill 1450 (option for removal of Community Colleges from MPSERS). Kerrie Vanden Bosch from the Office of Retirement Services provided general information on these bill packages to the Board.

Susan Meston encouraged Board members to contact their Senator and let them know the negative impact this bill could have on the Retirement System.

Chair Diana Osborn commented that committee assignments for 2009 have been finalized and a list provided.

Executive Secretary Comments

Phil Stoddard thanked the Board members for their mentoring and help this past year. Phil also thanked ORS staff for their hard work on behalf of the System and the Board.

Board Comments

Richard Montcalm commented on the number of disabilities each month that do not come before the Board because they are approved by ORS staff. The cases that come before the Board are in the appeal process.

William Lawson commented that in cases where Board decisions are challenged in the courts they are being upheld. He felt this speaks to the consistency and fairness in the Board's interpretation of the law. Bill also acknowledged Board member, Lenore Croudy for receiving an award from the Genesee County Library System.

Lenore Croudy and Diana Osborn thanked Jeff Hoffman for his service to the Board and wished him well.

Public Comments

Comments were received from Marie Wilkerson and Don Miller.

Adjournment

Richard Montcalm moved, Edwin Martinson supported, to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

OFFICIAL MINUTES



Chair



Executive Secretary