

A regular meeting of the **Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Board** was held at the Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street, First Floor Board Room, Lansing, Michigan, on Thursday, November 9, 2017. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

Members Present: Ivy Bailey, Active Classroom Teacher Member
 Dan Christner, Retiree Member
 Liz Eastway, Non-Certified Educational Support Member
 Mike Engle, Active Classroom Teacher Member
 Stephen Epstein, General Public Member, Investment Experience
 Scott Koenigsknecht, Active Superintendent Member
 Ann Kroneman, Community College Administrator/Trustee
 Member
 Kevin Philipps, Representing Finance/Operations, non-Superintendents
 Michael Ringuette, General Public Member, Actuarial Experience
 Larry Ward, Reporting Unit Board of Control Member
 Brian Whiston, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Staff Present: Kerrie Vanden Bosch, Executive Secretary
 Lisa Reibold, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Kathy Markman of the Attorney General's office; Virginia Gibson of Willis Towers Watson; James Pearson of the MEA; Kelly Lahr of Priority Health; Denise Ford of OptumRx; Ronda Daugherty and Angela Hua of Truven Health; Paul Lerg and Mark Guastella of Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; Gary Gavin and Lori Shannon of BCBSM; Cara Dobie and Courtney Austin of Coalition for Secure Retirement; Lori Skinner; Paul Marazitz; Anthony Estell of the Office of Retirement Services.

Call to Order

Chair Scott Koenigsknecht called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Excusing of Absent Members

Larry Ward moved, Stephen Epstein supported, to excuse the absence of Timothy Raymer. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Stephen Epstein moved, Kevin Philipps supported, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Ivy Bailey moved, Ann Kroneman supported, to approve the regular session meeting minutes of September 14, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-000492-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Brian Whiston supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 1, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried with 10 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-001613-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Stephen Epstein supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the September 19, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-003429-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Kevin Philipps supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the July 31, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-003430-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Liz Eastway supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 14, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request to include payments for her unused personal leave time, Substitute Principal Stipend and Impact Aid Stipend in her Final Average Compensation (FAC). The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-004238-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Stephen Epstein supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 14, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-004252-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Ann Kroneman supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the September 5, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request to report certain portions of his compensation above the Normal Salary Scheduled for the 2012-2013 school year to the retirement system. The motion carried with 8 yes votes and 3 no votes.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-005272-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Stephen Epstein supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 14, 2017, Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's request for non-duty disability retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 17-005275-ORS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Ivy Bailey supported, that the Board reject the recommendation of the Presiding Officer as set forth in the Proposal for Decision dated September 8, 2017, and deny Petitioner's request for non-duty disability retirement. The Board further adopts as its own the draft Proposal for Decision/Revised Proposal for Decision which was attached to Respondent's Exceptions with the following correction to Finding of Fact 11 of page 3 of that draft:

IMA Henderson concluded that Petitioner has been diagnosed with connective tissue disorder, fibromyalgia, Raynaud's syndrome and Sjorgen's syndrome. IMA Henderson certified that Petitioner is able to stand/walk six hours out of an 8 hour day and lift up to 10 pounds and therefore does not have a total and permanent medical condition.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Proposed Payment Plan from Michigan Department of Treasury on behalf of Highland Park Public Schools

Kerrie Vanden Bosch summarized a proposal for a new payment plan offered by the Michigan Department of Treasury, which was laid out in materials provided to the board. Michael Ringuette made a motion as follows:

Authorize Kerrie Vanden Bosch to execute—and for the Office of Retirement Services to implement—any necessary agreements with the Department of

Treasury and other State and local officials consistent with the principles and conditions outlined in the draft letter reviewed by the Board and approved for issuance, in order to provide for the receipt and application of funds owed by the Highland Park to retire its MPSEERS balance.

Brian Whiston supported. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Reports

Health Care Management Report – Angela Hua and Ronda Daugherty of Truven Health Analytics presented the current report to the Board.

Standing Reports

Legislative Summary - The Board received the current report.

Executive Secretary Comments

Executive Secretary Kerrie Vanden Bosch thanked the board for their consideration of the Highland Park Public Schools payment plan.

Board Comments

Mike Engle spoke of his concerns with the drop in the teacher applicant pool.

Public Comments

Mark Guastella of MARSP announced that the open house for the recently renovated MARSP building took place. He also thanked the Board, ORS staff and the vendors for all their work on behalf of the retirees.

Adjournment

Stephen Epstein moved, Larry Ward supported, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously and Chair Scott Koenigsknecht adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Signature on file
Chair

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Executive Secretary