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 8, 2011. The following members, staff, and observers participated:

Members Present: Lenore Croudy, Community College Trustee  
Jonathan Fielbrandt, Active Classroom Teacher Member  
Michael Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Steven Jagusch, General Public Member, Investment Experience  
Scott Koenigsknecht, Active Superintendent Member  
Edwin Martinson, Reporting Unit Board of Control Member  
Diana Osborn, Non-Certified Support Member  
Timothy Raymer, Finance/Operations Member, Non-superintendent  
Michael Ringuette, General Public Member, Actuarial Experience  
Charles Thomas, Retired Finance/Operations Member and as a representative of the largest retiree organization

Staff Present: Phil Stoddard, Executive Secretary  
Chanda Donnan, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Les Nixon, Joe Curtin, and Bob Wiles of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel; Earl Hagstrom, Mike MacGregor, James Pearson, Harry Moore, and Dan Rudd of MEA-Retired; Richard Schaper of Western Michigan University; Branko Bojicic and Patricia Soyemi of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Lisa Eggert of Delta Dental; Janet Truant of Catalyst Rx; Richard Williams, Alicesan Williams and Krista Davis of Williams & Co.; Ben Louagie, and Virginia Gibson of Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Co.; Joseph Trimboli of Lawton Community Schools; Patrick Fitzgerald and Brian LaVictoire of the Office of Attorney General; and Laurie Hill, Steve Crippen, and Lois Musbach 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

Michael Ringuette moved, Lenore Croudy supported, to excuse the absences of Ivy Bailey and John Olekszyk. The motion carried unanimously.
Approval of Agenda

Michael Ringuette moved, Lenore Croudy supported, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Charles Thomas moved, Timothy Raymer supported, to approve the regular and closed session meeting minutes of the October 20, 2011, meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Application for Extenuating Circumstance re K. Chapdelaine

Charles Thomas moved, Edwin Martinson supported, that the Board grant the applicant’s request to extend the time limit for filing a disability retirement application, as the applicant presented sufficient evidence of extenuating circumstances, and to have the Public School Employees’ Retirement System consider the application on the merits. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Hearings

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2011-21829 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Edwin Martinson moved, Michael Ringuette supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the July 29, 2011 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request for non-duty disability retirement benefits under Section 86 of the Public School Employees’ Retirement Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2011-15137 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Lenore Croudy supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the July 25, 2011 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner’s request for non-duty disability retirement benefits under Section 86 of the Public School Employees’ Retirement Act. The motion carried unanimously.
Proposal for Decision – Docket 2011-38871 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Edwin Martinson moved, Steven Jagusch supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 3, 2011 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits under Section 86 of the Public School Employees' Retirement Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2011-18626 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Steven Jagusch supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the July 12, 2011 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law subject to the modifications set forth in Respondent's Exceptions, and deny Petitioner's request to be named the primary retirement allowance beneficiary of Arthur Jalkanen, Sr. using the form of decision offered by Respondent. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2011-15047 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Edwin Martinson moved, Lenore Croudy supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 24, 2011 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for non-duty and duty disability retirement benefits under Sections 86 and 87, respectively, of the Public School Employees' Retirement Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposal for Decision – Docket 2011-31212 PSRS

The Board considered the case materials. Michael Ringuette moved, Steven Jagusch supported, that the Board adopt as its own the recommendations of the Presiding Officer in the August 24, 2011 Proposal for Decision, including the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and deny Petitioner's application for non-duty disability retirement benefits under Section 86 of the Public School Employees' Retirement Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Standing Reports

Health Insurance Committee Report

Mike Ringuette reported that the Health Insurance Committee met before
the Board meeting and gave a brief update on the implementation of the 2012 Health Initiatives.

Executive Secretary Comments

Phil Stoddard stated that with pension taxation beginning January 1st and new State Employees' Retirement System legislation awaiting the Governor's signature, call volume at ORS is expected to increase significantly so there may be a temporary increase in call wait times.

Board Comments

Diana Osborn stated that during the Board’s last meeting on October 20, the Board considered the matter of Docket Number 2009-17679 PSRS. After deliberation, the Board rendered a decision, which was subsequently memorialized in a written order that she executed as the Board chair. It was later discovered that the written order was not consistent with the actions taken by the Board during the October 20 meeting. Therefore, she will execute an amended order consistent with the decision rendered by the Board during the October 20, 2010 meeting.

Public Comment

Comments were received from Joseph Trimboli, Les Nixon, and Patrick Fitzgerald.

Adjournment

Lenore Croudy moved, Jonathon Fielbrandt supported, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Diana Osborn
Chair

Executive Secretary