



CT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD

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10:00 am

The regular meeting of the Teachers' Retirement Board was called to order at 10:12 am by Chairperson Clare Barnett on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 765 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clare Barnett, Teacher Member
William Myers, Teacher Member
Michael Freeman, Teacher Member
Rosalyn Schoonmaker, Teacher Member
Lisa Mosey, Teacher Member
Clifford Silvers, Public Member
Eugene Cimiano, Public Member
Jonathan Johnson, Public Member
Elaine Lowengard, Public Member
Charles Higgins, Public Member
Lee Ann Palladino, Designee (Office of the Treasurer)

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Mahoney, Designee (State Department of Education)
Gregory Messner, Designee (Office of Policy and Management)
Maureen Honan, Teacher Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Darlene Perez, TRB Administrator
Lou Laccavole, Fiscal Administrative Manager
Steve Rogers, Accountant
Anne Scanlon, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Nolen, Office of Policy and Management
Robyn Kaplan-Cho, Connecticut Education Association
James Stirling, CEO, Stirling Benefits, Inc.
Dr. Joseph Fields, Bargained Plans, LLC

1. A motion was made by to approve the April 24, 2013 minutes. All members voted in

favor with one abstention (Clifford Silvers) and the motion was passed.

2. Ratification, Consideration and Approval of the Administrator's actions regarding:
 - a. The granting of retirement benefits for the month of April & May, 2013.
 - b. The granting of survivor benefits for the month of April & May, 2013.
 - c. The reports and recommendations of the Medical Review Committee regarding applications for disability payments as presented to the Medical Review Committee at the April, May and June, 2013 meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the service retirement benefits, survivor benefits for the months of April & May, 2013 and applications for a disability allowance for the months of April, May and June, 2013. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. Consideration and approval of interest rates and market rates of return to be applied to member accounts on June 30, 2013. John Garrett from Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC presented a report outlining the methodology used in calculating the Mandatory Contribution interest rate of 7.2% and the market rate of return of 14.93%.

A motion was made and seconded for Consideration and Approval of interest rates to be credited to members' accounts on June 30, 2013. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

4. In a prelude to John Garrett's summary of Moody's Investor Services actuarial adjustment proposal, Chairperson Clare Barnett provided background information as to the Treasurer's letter, her letter and a letter from the CEA expressing concerns regarding Moody's proposal as not in the best interest of public funds. She stated that the correspondence made no difference in Moody's reporting.

Clare also mentioned that the Society of Actuaries Blue Panel Group, who are primarily Insurance Actuaries and not Actuaries from governmental pension systems, are publicly opposed to defined benefit plans and want to "get tough" with them.

John Garrett provided a hand out which illustrated the different outcomes that produced between GASB, Moody and pension actuaries based on different assumptions and approaches.

5. A motion was made and seconded in Consideration and Approval of Vendor Selection Committee (meeting of June 12, 2013) representative Clifford Silver's advised the Committee's selection of Dr. Joseph Fields, Bargained Plans, LLC as the selected medical consultant (vendor). All members voted in favor and the motion passed.
6. A motion was made and seconded to transfer Member's accounts deemed abandoned following twenty-five years of inactivity to the Pension Reserve Account. Darlene Perez gave a brief explanation of who and how members end up on this list and stated that these members can come forward at anytime and claim their funds; or if these members pass away their designated beneficiaries can come forward and claim the funds. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

7. A motion was made and seconded in Consideration and Approval of the Resolutions authorizing Darlene Perez, Administrator and Louis Laccavole, Fiscal Administrator to execute contracts and sign warrants for the payment of benefits. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.
8. A motion was made seconded in Consideration and Approval of the Resolution regarding remuneration of the Medical Review Committee. Darlene Perez advised there is a slight monetary change as the 24 month reevaluation will increase the responsibility and work load of the Medical Review Committee. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.
9. A motion was made and seconded to approve the COLA granted for July, 2013 of 3% pre September 1992 retirees and 1.5% for those who retired on or after September 1, 1992. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

MATTERS FOR BOARD INFORMATION.

Retirement statistics for the month of April, May and June, 2013.

Chairperson, Clare Barnett advised there will not be a July, 2013 Board meeting. The August 14, 2013 meeting will be an informal educational session and possibly a tour of the facility for the Board to meet the staff. The public is welcome and attendance is voluntary. The next formal meeting will be September 11, 2013.

Board member Lisa Mosey advised that this would be her last formal board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:16 am.