

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Benefit Review Committee
DATE: January 24, 2014
**SUBJECT: Report of the Benefit Review Committee Meeting on
January 23, 2014**

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The Regular Meeting of the Benefit Review Committee of the Board of Trustees was held Thursday, January 23, 2014. Present at the meeting were Committee members, Copper, Piechocinski, Kuehne, Henry, and Stulir, IMRF Board member Stanish, and IMRF staff members, Kosiba, Janicki Clark, Dixon, and Seputis.

Absent: Trustee Stafford

(14-01-01)(Roll call)

Mrs. Copper presided as chairperson and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

(14-01-02)(Approval of prior meeting minutes)

The Benefits Supervisor presented the minutes from the Committee meeting held on December 19, 2013.

After discussion, Mr. Piechocinski moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Stulir.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

(14-01-03)(Disputed Eligibility to Participate in IMRF – Leonard Hines – Bremen Township)

Leonard Hines and his attorney John Murphey appeared before the Committee. The Committee heard comments from Mr. Murphey and Mr. Hines regarding his position as the elected Township Clerk of Bremen Township. Mr. Murphey and Mr. Hines answered questions from the Committee. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board overturn staff's determination to remove the previously established service credit earned while in the position of Township Clerk.

Motion: Henry
Second: Stulir
Ayes: Piechocinski, Kuehne, Stulir, Henry, Copper
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(14-01-04)(Disputed Pension Amount – Estimate Error – Daniel Smith – Will County)

Daniel Smith, his spouse Linda Smith, and his attorney Dianne Onichimowski appeared before the Committee. The Committee and staff heard comments from Ms. Onichimowski, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Smith answered questions from the Committee. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After discussion, and in light of Mr. Smith's detrimental reliance upon the manual estimate provided by staff dated May 10, 2013, the Committee recommends that the staff decision be overturned and that staff recalculate Mr. Smith's annuity be recalculated to include an additional payment of \$750.00 per month.

Motion: Henry
Second: Piechocinski
Ayes: Kuehne, Stulir, Piechocinski, Henry, Copper
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(14-01-05)(Disputed AP Exemption – Moline SD #40)

Dave McDermot and Julie Bennett from Moline SD #40 appeared before the Committee via teleconference. The Committee and staff heard comments from Mr. McDermot. Mr. McDermot answered questions from the Committee. The Committee heard comments from staff. Finally, the Committee reviewed the written materials that were submitted to the Committee by staff.

After discussion, the Committee recommends that the Board uphold the staff's determination that the accelerated payment is payable and the District is not entitled to an exemption because the payment of the retirement stipends by the District to the five retirees (Gates, Haney, Inskeep, Kaufman and Williams) was pursuant to a contract which was entered into after January 1, 2012.

Motion: Kuehne
Second: Piechocinski
Ayes: Piechocinski, Kuehne, Stulir, Henry, Copper
Nays: None
Motion Passed: 5-0

(14-01-06)(Staff Reports)

The Annual Report of Committee and Consultant Activities was presented to the Committee by the Disability Supervisor.

The Benefits Department Claims and Activity Report for 2013 was presented to the Committee by the Benefits Supervisor.

The Proposed 2014 Committee Schedule was presented to the Committee by the Associate General Counsel.

(14-01-07)(Public Comments)

There were no public comments made

(14-01-08)(Adjournment)

Mr. Piechocinski made a motion to adjourn at 1:54 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Kuehne.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Committee will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday February 20, 2014.

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