

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 27, 2006

Board members present:

STEVEN JEFFREY, Chairperson, Employee Representative (term expiring July 1, 2007)
DAVID LEWIS, Vice-Chairperson, Employer Representative (term expiring July 1, 2006)
W. JOHN MITCHELL, II, Employee Representative (term expiring July 1, 2008)
MARIE DUQUETTE, Governor's delegate – **arrived later in the meeting**
ELIZABETH PEARCE representing JEB SPAULDING, Vermont State Treasurer

Also attending:

Donna Holden, Board Coordinator
Cynthia Webster, Director of Retirement Services
Donald Dow and Kathy Harm, ICMA-RC

The Chairperson, Steve Jeffrey, called the Tuesday, June 27, 2006, meeting to order at 1:04 p.m., which was held in the 4th Floor Conference Room at 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

- **March 15, 2006 – Business Meeting**
- **May 31, 2006 – Joint Meeting**

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 15, 2006, as submitted.

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 31, 2006, as submitted.

ITEM 2: Appointment of Mr. Lewis to Board for 3-year Term

On a motion by Ms. Pearce seconded by Mr. Mitchell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Mr. David Lewis to the Employer Representative seat for a three-year term.

ITEM 3: Ratify the Disability Retirements for:

- **Donald Stone**
- **Jeff Hadley**
- **Claudette Mayer**
- **Brian Barrows**

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously voted to ratify the disability retirements for Donald Stone, Jeff Hadley, Claudette Mayer, and Brian Barrows, as recommended by the Medical Review Board.

Ms. Duquette arrived at the meeting.

- **Approve the Disability Retirement for: Gary W. Garrett**

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Ms. Duquette, the Board unanimously voted to approve the disability retirements for Gary W. Garrett, as recommended by the Medical Review Board.

ITEM 4: Health Care Savings Account Discussion with ICMA-RC

Ms. Harm and Mr. Dow appeared before the Board to discuss options for providing retirees with funds for health expense reimbursements. Among other items, also discussed were the potential funding stream and frequency, individual account management, qualification for account establishment, etc.

The Board agreed the next steps would include staff drafting an RFP with the assistance of the actuary, identify other potential vendors, and present alternative plan criteria for the Board's consideration.

ITEM 5: Approve the Membership of Irasburg School District

On a motion by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Ms. Duquette, the Board unanimously voted to approve the membership of the Irasburg School District into Group A, effective July 1, 2006.

ITEM 6: Membership Waiver Request from: Ann M. Cookson

On a motion by Mr. Lewis seconded by Ms. Pearce, the Board unanimously voted to approve the membership waiver request from Ann M. Cookson.

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ITEM 7: Essex Town/Village Merger Questions Follow-Up

The Board reviewed Ms. Webster's prepared responses. It was agreed that she should also include information regarding the new entity's option for their Charter to spell out how the merger would work. Mrs. Webster will work with Bill Rice on the response modification.

ITEM 8: Legislative Update and Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed sections H.884, which will be effective July 1, 2006. Mrs. Webster distributed a June 22, 2006, list of prospective legislative issues for the Board's consideration and future discussion.

ITEM 9: Any other business to come before the Board

None

