

**VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Members present:**

JON HARRIS, Chairperson (Active No. 25669), term expiring July 1, 2015 via telephone  
JOSEPH MACKEY, Vice-Chairperson, VRTA representative, term expiring July 1, 2016 via telephone  
JUSTIN NORRIS, Active Member Representative, term expiring July 1, 2017 via telephone  
THOMAS CANDON, representing Commissioner of Department of Financial Regulation via telephone  
LINDA DELIDUKA, VRTA Alternate representative, term expiring July 1, 2016 – via telephone  
VAUGHN ALTEMUS, representing Secretary of Agency of Education  
ELIZABETH PEARCE, VT State Treasurer

**Members absent:**

Active Member Alternate Representative – vacant

**Also attending:**

Laurie Lanphear, Director of Retirement Operations  
Joshua McCormick, Administrative Coordinator IV

The Chairperson, Jon Harris, called the Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., which was held in the Treasurer's Conference Room, fourth floor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT.

**ITEM 1:      **Approve the Minutes of:****

- **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**On motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 13, 2014, as submitted.**

**ITEM 2:      **Discuss/Act on Disability Retirement recommendation for:****

Ellen Miller

**On motion by Mr. Candon, seconded by Mr. Norris, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Medical Review Board for the disability retirement for Ellen Miller, with a one-year review.**

After approval, the question was raised on the procedure of how the one year review works, as well as requirements and how to make a decision on a case. Ms. Pearce stated that she is currently working with the Attorney General's office to clarify this process. It will be addressed in a future meeting.

**ITEM 3:      Discuss/Act on VEHI contract**

**On motion by Mr. Altemus, seconded by Mr. Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to a Approve the extension of the VEHI contract through 6/30/15, pending the waiver approval from the Administration.**

**ITEM 4:      Any other business to come before the Board**

Ms. Pearce mentioned that she is moving forward on the implementation of Teachers health care for a separate account beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Ms. Lanphear mentioned that letters were mailed out on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mr. Harris asked about the new 5-6% pension contribution fee. Ms. Pearce stated that information will be included in the summer newsletter.

Mr. Altemus inquired about the 1 year review process for disability retirement (he arrived as item 3 was being discussed). He also inquired about certain medical situations. It was recommended that the Board go into executive session.

**On motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Altemus, the board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 3:47 p.m. pursuant to Title 1, § 313 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.**

The Board came out of executive session at 3:52 p.m.

Ms. Lanphear proposed to set up some more informative meetings for the newer, active members (new employees), possibly a workshop for understanding retirement. This will be looked into in the future.

Ms. Lanphear mentioned researching eligible Federal Grant monies for retirement calculation. There are no definitive answers at this time as the staff are continuing to research.

Ms. Pearce discussed how the appropriation of funds will work for the Teachers Health Care beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. 8.2 Million will come from the General appropriation funds, 2.5 million will come from the Property Tax appropriation fund. The balance will be paid through an inter-fund loan. In 2016, these amounts will be increased by what we charge Federal grants plus the amount of the assessment.

**ITEM 5:      Adjournment**

**On motion by Ms. Pearce, seconded by Mr. Altemus, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:12 p.m.**

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next scheduled VSTRS meeting is a conference call meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 3:30 p.m., if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Kretzer  
Executive Secretary to the Board