

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE OF WISCONSIN
TEACHERS RETIREMENT BOARD

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Sheraton Madison Hotel
706 John Nolen Drive
Madison, Wisconsin

BOARD PRESENT:

Wayne McCaffery, Chair
Robert Niendorf, Vice-Chair
Reg Delwiche
Suzanne Doemel
Irena Macek
Lon Mishler
Dennis Panicucci
R. Thomas Pedersen
Nancy Thompson, Secretary
Jim Tripp
David Wiltgen

BOARD NOT PRESENT:

Ted Bratanow
Dennis Pratt

PARTICIPATING ETF STAFF:

Eric Stanchfield, Secretary
Dave Stella, Deputy Secretary
Julie Reneau, Administrator, Division of Retirement Services
Audrey Koehn, Director, Disability Programs Bureau
Christina Licari, Board Liaison
Robert Weber, Chief Legal Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Wayne McCaffery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Thompson moved approval of the minutes of the March 25, 2004, meetings. Mr. Wiltgen seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

§ 40.65 Duty Disability Program Annual Review. Ms. Reneau noted that the § 40.65 Duty Disability Program Annual Review had been included in the Teachers Retirement Board mailing in error, but that the review is interesting and may be of some interest to Board members.

Pending Appeals Status Report. An update on pending appeals was provided for the Board's information.

DISABILITY STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT

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Ms. Koehn reviewed the *WRS Disability Benefit Annuity Statistical Report*. Ms. Koehn noted that current statistics reflect that the most frequent age of teacher category disability applicants is 51-55 and that the most common disability type is mental illness.

SCOPE STATEMENT

Acceptance of Documents via Facsimile. Mr. Weber presented a scope statement for amending the rule regarding the acceptance by the Department of documents received via facsimile. The scope statement proposed that electronic documents are functionally the same as original documents and that electronic documents should be accepted with no requirement of also submitting an original.

Mr. Weber noted that the draft rule that is brought forward for the Board's approval will also address documents received electronically via email or the Department's internet site as well as address contingencies for documents that are received but are illegible or indecipherable.

Motion: Ms. Thompson moved approval of the scope statement amending the rule regarding the acceptance of documents received via facsimile. Mr. Wiltgen seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

MOTION TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mr. McCaffery announced that the Teachers Retirement Board would convene in closed session, pursuant to the exemptions contained in Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a) for quasi-judicial deliberations. Ms. Licari was invited to remain during the closed session.

Motion: Ms. Doemel moved to convene in closed session, pursuant to the exemptions contained in Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (a) for quasi-judicial deliberations. Mr. Niendorf seconded the motion, which passed on the following roll call vote.

Members voting aye: R. Delwiche, S. Doemel, I. Macek, W. McCaffery, L. Mishler, R. Niendorf, D. Panicucci, T. Pedersen, N. Thompson, J. Tripp, D. Wiltgen

Members voting nay: none

The Teachers Retirement Board convened in closed session at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 2:50 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN ON BUSINESS DELIBERATED DURING CLOSED SESSION

Mr. McCaffery announced that the Board took the following actions during the closed session:

- **Appeal 2003-053-TR.** The Board remanded the appeal to the hearing examiner for briefing on two issues.
- **Appeal 2002-008-TR and 2003-041-TR.** The Board adopted the hearing examiner's proposed decision with technical modifications as recommended by legal counsel.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Doemel moved adjournment. Mr. Niendorf seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

The meeting of the Teachers Retirement Board adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Signed: _____

Nancy Thompson, Secretary