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## EDUCATION MINNESOTA RETIRED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Education Minnesota Headquarters, 41 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul  
(Meeting in Conference Room I)*

**DATE: Monday, May 16, 2016 • 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Present:** President Larry Koenck, Vice President Julie Jagusch , Past President Walt Munsterman, Treasurer Lynette Wayne, Secretary Lowell Ueland, Ed Mikulich - 1, Cathy Stringfield – 1, Wes Hanna - 2, Bonnie Herman – 3, Sharon Kjellberg - 4, Judy Rohde – 4, Myrna Doran - 5, Lois Wendt - 5, Warren Misiewicz - 6, Joan Beaver – 6, Charles Hellie - 7, John Lipke - 7, Bobby Margo - 8, Jan Cummings - 8, Sandy Skaar – At Large, Lori Nord At Large, Boy Toy

**Other:** Betty Toy (Cmte Mbr), Matt Blewett (Retired Staff Liaison), Marty Zins (TRA Rep), Rodney Rowe (EdMN Secretary-Treasurer)

**Not Present:** Jerry Klebs – 2, Jean Scheu – 3,

*A quorum is present.*

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by **President, Larry Koenck**

**Items to be added to the Agenda:** None

**Adoption of the May 16, 2016 Agenda:** Motion by Charles Hellie, second by, Sharon Kjellberg to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion approved.

**Approval of the February 22, 2015 Minutes:** Motion by Sharon Kjellberg, second by Julie Jagusch to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Motion approved.

**Financial Report:** The Financial Report was presented by Treasurer Lynette Wayne, with discussion. (See Green Sheet in Folder) Motion by Myrna Doran, second by Julie Jagusch to receive and file the Financial Report. Motion passed.

**Adoption Preliminary Budget (To Be Finalized at August Meeting):** The Budget was presented by Treasurer Lynette Wayne, with discussion. (See Budget sheet in Folder) Motion by Myrna Doran, second by Judy Rohde to approve the preliminary budget. Motion passed.

**Officers Reports:**

**President: President Larry Koenck** reported on:

- Approaching EdMN Intermediate Organization Boards to add retired to board as voting members
- Food Banks and “Kids in Need “and Contributions at Annual Meeting (\$322.00)
- Need for volunteers to staff ESI Retired Table
- AFL-CIO Community Involvement Award
- San Diego Conference – Judy Rhode added to the report.
- New EdMN-R forms “Stay Connected in Retirement”
- Raffle Tickets
- Volunteers for Summer Seminar at St. Ben’s
- Volunteers for October Conference

**Reporting Out of Order:** Joan Beaver and Walt Munsterman reported on the House Government Operations Committee dealing with pensions. Pretty negative positions from House GOP. Doesn’t look optimistic for pensions.

**Vice President: Julie Jagusch** reported on:

- Caucuses, Senate District Conventions, Legislative Meetings, Workshops, etc.
- Student Governance Task Force – Form Statewide Student Organizations

**Treasurer:** Lynette Wayne, - Financial report was given earlier in the agenda.

**Secretary: Lowell Ueland** – No Report

**Liaison to Ed MN-R:** Education Minnesota Secretary/Treasurer Rodney Rowe: Reported

**TRA: Marti Zins** – (See report in your folder) - (Marti) Zins TRA Board presented the following report:

May 16, 2016 - Message copied with permission of Laurie Fiori Hacking, Executive Director TRA

Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2016 1:42 PM Subject: Update on Pension Sustainability -Hearings begin Monday morning at 8:30 am Importance: High

We have been informed that Sen. Pappas and Rep. O'Driscoll intend to offer a very limited, one-year pension sustainability measure in the form of an amendment to the pension bill. This amendment will be taken up, beginning Monday morning, by various committees (see hearing list below). This scaled-down stop gap measure is being offered because there appears to be a lack of funding for the state and school district employer contribution increases proposed under the original sustainability bills. The amendment's authors wish to preserve some of the savings from the original sustainability bills.

The key provisions of the stop gap proposal include:

1. Reduces the COLA for MSRS Plans (other than State Patrol and Judges) and TRA for one year only, effective January 1, 2017, by 0.25% for MSRS and by 1% for TRA, resulting in a calendar year 2017 COLA adjustment of 1.75% for MSRS and 1% for TRA.
2. Removes the COLA trigger for MSRS-General, MSRS-Correctional, TRA, and SPTRFA so there will be no automatic increase in the COLA for each of these plans if specific funding thresholds are reached; and
3. Provides for an increase in the employer contribution of 0.5% of salary, for both the basic and coordinated plans of St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association, effective July 1, 2018 (funded by the St. Paul School District).

You may wish to be present at the upcoming hearings (see 4 hearings listed below) at which this proposed amendment will be discussed and acted upon.

Monday, May 16, 10:15 am, Room 10 State Office Building – House Gov't Operations  
Committee consideration of sustainability amendment

Monday, May 16, 6 pm, Room TBA State Office Building – LCPR consideration of  
sustainability amendment

Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 am, 1100 Senate Building – Senate State & Local Gov't Committee  
consideration of sustainability amendment

Tuesday, May 17, in the afternoon at call of chair, 200 State Office Building – House State Gov't  
Finance Committee

### **Old Business:**

1. **Retired Annual Meeting Recap:** President Koenck summarized the Annual Meeting Activities – Lois Wendt – New People – Comments on Speakers – General comments on the meeting.
2. **Retired National Conference (San Diego) Recap:** Report will be forthcoming – an excellent conference

### **New Business**

1. **Dates for Future Meetings:** Motion by Lois Wendt, second by, Warren Misiewicz to accept the following dates for future meetings.
  - August 22, 2016 – 10:00 AM
  - November 14, 2016 – 10:00 AM
  - February 13, 2017 – 10:00 AM
  - May 15, 2017 – 10:00 AM
  - Annual Meeting: April 21, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington. Motion Carried.
2. **Committee Updates:** President Koenck made the following Committee Appointments:
  - **By-Laws Committee** – John Lipke, Barb Rice, Jody Rice. Motion to approve appointments by Sharon Kjellberg, Second by Jan Cummings. Motion Carried.
  - **Membership Committee** – Judy Rhode, Chairperson, Julie Jagusch. Motion to approve appointments by Julie Jagusch, Second by Myrna Doran. Motion Carried.
  - **Resolutions Committee** - Sharon Kjellberg, Chairperson, Joan Beaver. Motion to approve appointments by Myrna Doran, Second by Joan Beaver. Motion Carried.
3. **Exhibit Volunteers Needed:** President Koenck made the appeal for volunteers to staff the various exhibits of Education Minnesota events.

### **Congressional District Reports:**

**District 1:** Ed Mikulich – Reported on caucuses – Very large turn-out

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**District 2:** Wes Hanna – Reported on local organizing in his former local

**District 2:** Jerry Klebs – No Report

**District 3:** Bonnie Herman – Reported on Paulson – Bonoff CD3 campaign

**District 3:** Jean Scheu – No Report

**District 4:** Sharon Kjellberg – No Report

**District 4:** Judy Rohde – Reported on caucuses

**District 5:** Myrna Doran – Reported on caucuses

**District 5:** Lois Wendt - No Report

**District 6:** Joan Beaver – No Report

**District 6:** Warren Misiewicz –Reported on stuff – traveling, etc.

**District 7:** Charles Hellie – Reported on caucuses, endorsing conventions

**District 7:** John Lipke – Reported on caucuses, SD 18 Senate Candidate, CD7 Candidate Collin Peterson

**District 8:** Roberta Margo – Reported on Range Central Labor Committee, employment looks better on the Range, Building new HS in Mtn Iron and other range events

**District 8:** Jan Cummings – Reported on caucuses – Very large turn-out

**At Large:** Sandy Skaar – Reported on caucuses, political stuff

**At Large:** Lori Nord – Reported on caucuses, endorsement of Hillary Clinton

**At Large:** Boy Toy – No Report

**Standing Committees Reports:**

**Finance:** Lynette Wayne – Reported Earlier

**Membership:** Judy Rhode – No Report

**Program:** Lois Wendt – Reported that plan for Fall Conference has been worked out for the most part.

**Communications:** Myrna Doran – Reported on Grant committee – A Task Force will deal with specific grants. !2 page newsletter coming out shortly. Looking into an email system. Plugging along.

**Resolutions:** No Report

**Nominations and Elections:** Betty and Boy Toy report on upcoming elections – President and Vice President, even numbered districts and 1 at large position (Lori Nord Position). Matt will be sending out the specific dates and materials for the election.

**Governmental Relations:** Joan Beaver – Report will be in newsletter – new name to be Legislative Advocacy Committee. Motion by Joan Beaver, Second by Sharon Kjellberg to add Bonnie Herman to Committee. Motion Carried.

**Professional Advocacy:** Judy Rhode – Reported on final report of the committee, Education Issues, etc., EPIC Retention and Advisory activities (See Report)

**Special Committees Reports:**

**Local Chapters:** Chuck Hellie – Reported on Burnsville organizing a local chapter. Motion by Chuck Hellie, second by Wes Hanna for applications for local chapter grants to be handled by the Local Chapters Committee. Motion Carried.

**By-laws Committee:** Walt Munstermann – Motion by Sharon Kjellberg, Second by Wes Hanna to add Bonnie Herman to Committee. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Wes Hanna, Second by Sharon Kjellberg to adjourn. Motion passed

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:45 PM

**Announcements:** None

**Future Board Meeting Dates:**

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Lowell Ueland, Secretary