

## Lawrence Retirement Board Minutes

December 21, 2017

The Lawrence Retirement Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017. Chairman Bateman was present with Attorney Michael Sacco and members Loughlin, Ceballos, Cuddy and Rizzo. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

An application for superannuation has been received from **Barry Desjardins**, a 54 year old police officer with 33 years and 5 months service. If approved, Mr. Desjardins will receive an annual option C allowance in the amount of \$49,822.92. ( 80%) Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 retirement date. Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the superannuation retirement of Barry Desjards. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

**John R. DeSantis Jr-** MGL ch 32, section 15 (4)- pension forfeiture proceedings. A clerk/stenographer was present along with appointed hearing officer, Attorney Michael Sacco. DeSantis nor his legal counsel, Nick Poser, were not present. Attorney Sacco reviewed the fifteen (15) hearing exhibits, recorded as exhibit A with the Board. After review, Sacco recommended the Board make a motion to find DeSantis's criminal conviction has violated MGL, Chapter 32, section 15.4, under the Hobbs act, where Mr. DeSantis used his position as a police officer and should result in pension forfeiture. Gina Rizzo made a motion to accept the finding that Mr. DeSantis has violated section 15.4, which results in a pension forfeiture. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. Vote taken: Bateman;yes, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes, Rizzo;yes. All were in favor. 5-0 Attorney Sacco will work with Diane to review the financials, minus payments and interest and to issue a check to Mr. DeSantis for the balance of his retirement account. Copies of the pension forfeiture proceedings transcript will be available upon receipt.

Kevin Loughlin made a motion to enter into executive session at 11:22 AM to discuss the disability cases of K. Axford, Michael Laliberte, Diane Armano and Enrique Matos. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. Vote taken: Bateman;yes, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes , Rizzo;yes. 5-0

The board is in receipt of the completed medical panel clarifications in the ADR case in **Kathleen Axford**. Attorney Sacco sent his opinion letter for Board review. Attorney Michael Akashian delivered a withdrawal letter Monday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The board is in receipt of the completed medical panel in the ADR case of **Michael Laliberte**. Attorney Sacco sent opinion letter for Board review.

The board is in receipt of the completed medical panel in the ADR case of **Diane Armano**. Attorney Sacco sent his opinion letter for the Board's review.

The Board is in receipt of the completed medical panel in the ADR case of **Enrique Matos**. Attorney Sacco sent his opinion letter for the Board's review.

Gina Rizzo made a motion to come out of executive session at 12:28 PM, seconded by Kevin Loughlin. Vote taken: Bateman;yes, Loughlin;yes, Ceballos;yes, Cuddy;yes, Rizzo;yes. 5-0

**Joan Milone, HR Clerk at the School Department**, would like to purchase her prior School Aide / Clerk service from 09/20/1987 – 03/31/1991. The total amount that the member would need to pay to purchase this time is \$ **21,534.80** for a total of **3 years and 6 months** of creditable service. Records were provided by the school payroll clerk from Fiche and Munis. Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the makeup payment of Joan Milone. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

**New Business:** RFP for independent financial audit services- language. Ramona Ceballos made a motion to adopt the RFP draft copy. Ramona will work with Diane to fill in the dates to advertise the RFP. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

The Widow of Charles Donovan will be applying for an accidental death benefit, pending records or a letter from his treating physician that his death is related to the reason for which he retired.

#### **Tabled Items: Michael Richard-LHA**

#### **New Members: see page with December new members**

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the new members as submitted. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

#### **Refunds:**

Emeliza Villa	School	Café Worker	\$	3,495.49
Katie McManus	School	Paraprofessional	\$	2,977.36
Joanny Shephard	Council on Aging	Coordinator	\$	2,060.59
Hector Acevedo	School	Aide	\$	8,583.17
Lia Bonamassa	School	Operations	\$	35,806.33
Dawn M Lawrence	School	Aide	\$	427.57

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

#### **Monthly Expenses:**

Warrant # 52 Voucher # 434-439	\$	1,644.10
Warrant # 53 Voucher # 440-443	\$	1,503.17

Warrant # 54	Voucher # 444-461	\$	92,867.28
Warrant # 55	Voucher # 462-465	\$	1,368.17
Warrant # 56	Retiree End Checks	\$	15,104.80

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the monthly expenses for December as submitted. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

<b>Monthly Retirement Payroll Dated December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,079,413.28</b>
<b>Voids</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,706.56</b>

Tom Cuddy made a motion to approve the December monthly pension payroll as submitted. Kevin Loughlin seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

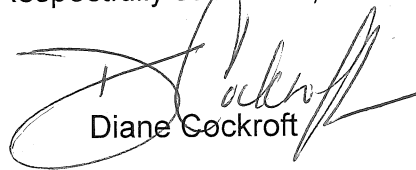
Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the November 28, 2017 minutes as submitted. Tom Cuddy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 5-0

The next scheduled retirement Board meeting will be on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 AM. Being no further business, Gina Rizzo made a motion to adjourn at 12:47 PM, seconded by Tom Cuddy. All were in favor. 5-0

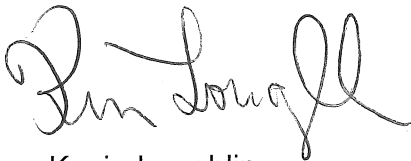
Respectfully submitted,



William Bateman, Chairman



Diane Cockroft



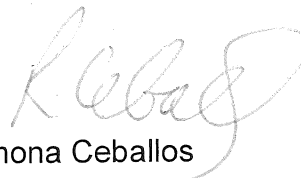
Kevin Loughlin



Gina Rizzo



Thomas Cuddy



Ramona Ceballos

## New Members:

December 21, 2017

Abreu, Yinery	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Alvarado, Yaimar	SCH	BBE	1
Caminero, Karolina	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Crisci, Allison	SCH	Autism Specialist	1
Frias, Yulfi	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Hartley, Kathleen	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Hernandez, Belkis	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Morin, Joseph	SCH	BBE	1
Nieves, Helin	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Paulino, Marlene	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Taveras, Whitney	SCH	Parent Liason	1
Santos, Klanaly	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Velez- Rodriguez, Luis	SCH	Fellow EMO	1
Caraballo, Nylsa	CTY	Administrative Assistant	1
Mackland- Rivera, William	CTY	Tradesman Foreman	1
Rivas, Jaime	CTY	Parking Attendant	1
Veras, Susana	CTY	Parking Attendant	1
Caceres, Angel	SCH	CIA	1
Caraballo, Griselle	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Conte, Anthony	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Elwell, Jacob	SCH	LTS	1
Plaza, Miguel	SCH	CIA	1
Batistine, Amauris	SCH	Custodian	1
Hanley, Chelsi	SCH	Dummie File - Teachers' as of 06/30	1
De La Cruz, Marianela	SCH	Project Manager	1
Diaz, Anndy	SCH	School Culture Manager	1
Donovan, Kaileigh	SCH	LPN	1
Pagan - Rosario, Gretchen	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Paulino, Emmarlet	SCH	BBE	1
Rivera, Angel	SCH	Teacher Aide	1
Roman, John	SCH	Custodian	1
Taylor, Nicole	SCH	Paraprofessional	1
Terrero, Emmanuel	SCH	School Safety Officer	1
Garcia, Rafael	CTY	Custodian	1
Cox, Marina	SCH	BBE	1