

## Lawrence Retirement Board Minutes

Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018

The Lawrence Retirement Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Members Loughlin, Ceballos and Rizzo were present. Bateman and Cuddy were absent. The meeting was called to order at 8:48 AM. Kevin Loughlin was nominated to serve as Chairman of the meeting, by Gina Rizzo, seconded by Ramona Ceballos. All were in favor. 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Rafael Tejeda**, a 62 year old former bi-lingual election coordinator. If approved, Mr. Tejeda will receive an annual option C allowance in the amount of \$ 8,181.36. (5-31-18 retirement date) Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the superannuation of Rafael Tejeda. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Pamela Walsh-Wazlaw**, a 62 year old LPN with the Lawrence Public School dept. If approved, Ms. Walsh-Wazlaw will retire on June 22, 2018 with 32 years and 3 months of creditable service with an annual option A allowance in the amount of \$ 30,906.12. ( 6-22-18 retirement date) Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the superannuation of Ms. Walsh-Wazlaw. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Elham P. Azzi**, a 68 year old school para with 17 years and 8 months service. If approved, Ms. Azzi will receive an annual option C allowance in the amount of \$9,983.52. ( 6-29-18 retirement date) Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the superannuation of Mrs. Azzi. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **George Gallagher**, a 58 year old school safety officer with 21 years and 8 months of creditable service. If approved, Mr. Gallagher will receive an annual option B allowance in the amount of \$ 16,007.40. ( 8-31-2018 retirement date) Gina Rizzo made a motion to approve the superannuation of George Gallagher. Ramona Ceballos seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

An application for superannuation has been received from **Gloria Abate**, a 67 year old school para with 31 years and 5 months service. If approved, Mrs. Abate will receive an annual option B allowance in the amount of \$ 20,000.00. Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the superannuation of Gloria Abate. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Yolanda Taveras-Jaime**, Clerk at the LHA would like to purchase her prior City of Lawrence service. Mrs. Taveras-Jaime was a temporary Clerk from **02/13/2017-04/08/2018**. At this time she did not contribute to our system. Purchasing this time would entitle her to 9 months of creditable service at a cost of **\$2,842.30 (pro-rated)**. The LHA Payroll Department verified the wages and service. Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the makeup payment of Yolanda Taveras-Jaime. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Timothy Kimber**, Custodian at the LHA would like to purchase his prior City of Lawrence service. Mr. Kimber was a temporary Custodian from **12/26/2017-03/31/2018**. At this time he did not contribute to our system. Purchasing this time would entitle him to 3 months of creditable service at a cost of **\$1,063.44**. The LHA Payroll Department verified the wages and service. Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the makeup payment of Timothy Kimber. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

#### **New Business:**

PERAC memo to Atty. Sacco on Sec 3(8)(C) amendment- bd. Discussion- Ramona Ceballos made a motion to move forward to pursue legislation. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

#### **Election for Second Elected Member to the LRB**

- Nominate an Election Official- Ramona Ceballos made a motion to nominate Diane Cockroft as Election Official. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0
- Approval of the Election Time Table- Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the submitted time line. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All in favor. 3-0
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Proposed salary staff increases- (last % increase was 7/1/2016) Ramona Ceballos made a motion to table staff increases until entire board is present. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Updating the LRB website- per proposal by L. Santiago, City IT Director- Ramona Ceballos made a motion to move forward on updating the LRB website. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Tabled Items:**

The Board is in receipt of two RFP's for legal services:

The Law Offices of Michael Sacco & Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane LLP

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to table until the entire Board has a chance to review the RFP's . Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**New Members:**

Sarah Torrisi	LHA	Director of Finance	1
Johanna Colon	GLVTHS	Cafeteria Worker	1
Franklin Miguel Francisco	CTY	Capital Projects Manager	1

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the new members as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Refunds:**

Judelca Luna	Police	Call Taker	\$ 50,849.73
Luis DeLaCruz	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 14,637.14
Monika Thornhill	School	BBE	\$ 1,663.41
Daniel Brito	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 2,301.45
Christopher Modeski	GLRHS	Custodian	\$ 1,618.21
Brian Gomez	School	Paraprofessional	\$ 3,078.13
Juan Diaz	School	CIA	\$ 2,395.69
Ruchel Lowe-Eastmond	School	LTS	\$ 603.46

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the refunds as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Monthly Expenses:**

Warrant # 18 Voucher # 165-168	\$ 1,413.17
Warrant # 19 Voucher # 169-171	\$ 1,530.47
Warrant # 20 Voucher # 172- 217	\$ 417,216.16
Warrant # 21 Retiree End Checks	\$ 15,144.62

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the monthly expenses as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Monthly Retirement Payroll Dated May 31, 2018** \$ 2,151,008.83

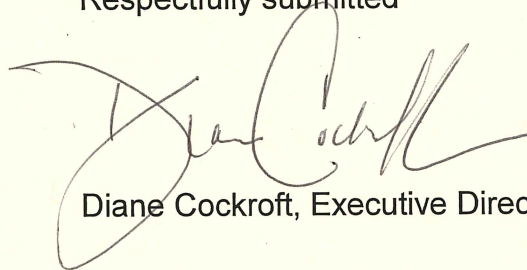
Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the May pension payroll as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to approve the April 27, 2018, Retirement Board minutes as submitted. Gina Rizzo seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

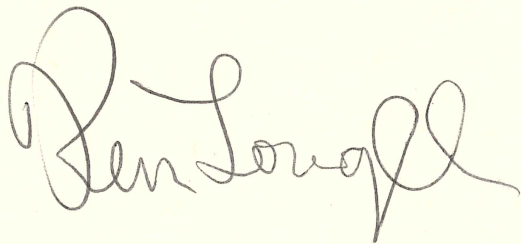
The next scheduled retirement board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 8:30 AM.

Ramona Ceballos made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 AM, seconded by Gina Rizzo. All were in favor. 3-0

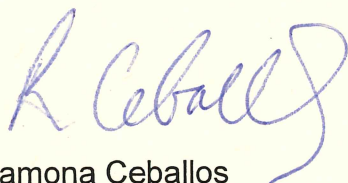
Respectfully submitted



Diane Cockroft, Executive Director



Kevin Loughlin, Acting Chairman



Ramona Ceballos



Gina Rizzo