

The Board of Trustees of the Omaha School Employees' Retirement System held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes, notice of this meeting was given on August 5, 2021.

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Mr. Bourne announced, pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes, the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at the Teachers Administrative Center, 3215 Cuming Street, 2nd floor, Omaha, Nebraska. The agenda will be kept current and available for public inspection in the Retirement Office at the Teacher Administrative Center during regular working hours. He further announced that pursuant to Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Statutes, the public is hereby informed that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the Board of Education meeting room on the north wall.

Mr. Bourne called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Present at roll call: Block - Bourne - Erdenberger – Head - Johnson – Logan - 6 present.

Absent: Herchenbach - 1.

Staff Present: Cecelia M. Carter, Executive Director; and James Ellis, Retirement Specialist

Others Present: Megan Neiles-Brauch, Esq.OPS; Robert Gauss, Esq. and Audra Ferguson-Allen, Esq., Ice Miller (via video conference)

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Mr. Bourne greeted everyone and noted at the August meeting a Board President was not elected. He expressed interest and called for nominations. Ms. Erdenberger nominated Patrick Bourne as President of the OSERS Transition Board of Trustees. Mr. Head seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Bourne closed the nominations and asked for a roll call vote. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Aye: Block – Erdenberger – Head – Johnson – Logan – 5. Nay: - 0. Mr. Bourne abstained.

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Mr. Bourne requested approval of the minutes to the August 5, 2021, OSERS Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Erdenberger made a motion to approve the minutes to the August 5, 2021, OSERS

Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Head seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call: Aye: Block – Bourne - Erdenberger – Head - Johnson – Logan – 6. Nay: - 0.

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Ms. Carter gave an update on the OSERS financial statements for the month ending July 31, 2021. For the one-month period ending July 31, 2021, the OSERS trust fund had a value of \$1,556 billion with cash on hand of \$15,369 million.

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Mr. Bourne welcomed Robert Gauss, Esq. and Audra Ferguson-Allen, Esq. of the law firm Ice Miller to the meeting. Mr. Gauss and Ms. Ferguson-Allen serve as the leads on the mandated compliance audit of the OSERS pension plan. Mr. Gauss and Ms. Ferguson-Allen updated the Board on the status of the compliance audit. They anticipate meeting the deadlines.

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Ms. Carter gave the Board an overview of the Board Resolution assigning the authority of certain individuals to sign on behalf of the School Employees' Retirement System of the School District of Douglas County 0001 (OSERS). The Resolution called for Patrick Bourne, Esq., Jane Edenberger, Esq., Cecelia M. Carter, and James Ellis the authority to execute documents on behalf of the System.

Ms. Erdenberger made a motion the Resolution for assigning signatories for OSERS naming Patrick Bourne, Jane Erdenberger, Cecelia Carter, and James Ellis be adopted and effective July 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Head. The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Aye: Block – Erdenberger – Head – Herchenbach – Johnson – Logan – 6. Nay: - 0.

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Mr. Bourne asked Ms. Carter to give a history of the OSERS board courtesy fund. Ms. Carter explained the origin of the OSERS board courtesy fund and suggested the fund be dissolved and the \$764.48 in proceeds be given to the OPS Foundation for their general fund use, since that is where the money is currently being held in a non-interest bearing account. Ms. Erdenberger made a motion the Transition Board of Trustees authorize the OSERS Board Secretary to dissolve the OSERS courtesy fund held at the Omaha Public School Foundation and execute all documents necessary to execute this motion. The proceeds of which are to be transferred to the Foundation's general funds. Dr. Logan seconded the motion.

Mr. Head asked whether there are other organizations or scholarships that might be appropriate to receive the donated funds. Ms. Carter expressed there could be and she would be willing to bring back other suggestions for the next board meeting. Ms. Carter named other OPS affiliated

organizations and associations. She stated she suggested the OPS Foundation because that is where the money is currently held and it would mean a seamless transfer of control of the funds. Mr. Head stated he was fine with the current selection.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote: Aye: Bourne – Block – Erdenberger – Head – Johnson – Logan -6. Nay: - 0.

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Mr. Bourne indicated the next item regarded the “Regular Interest” for fiscal year 2022. Ms. Carter advised the Board that Regular Interest is defined in the Nebraska Revised Statutes, section 79-978 (30) as: the rate to which the member is credited on their total employee contributions as of the prior close of the last preceding fiscal year. Which in this year would be account balance as of August 31, 2021. The rate of interest by statute is to equal the daily treasury yield curve for the one-year treasury as published by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States on September 1 of each year. Ms. Carter announced that on September 1, 2021, the one-year daily treasury yield curve was seven basis points.

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Ms. Carter reviewed the agenda posted for the National Council on Teachers’ Retirement’s virtual conference scheduled for October 11-14, 2021. A review of the agenda indicated this year was more investment related sessions. The theme of the conference was the impact of asset allocations. Ms. Carter indicated that since this board is no longer responsible for the investment decisions of the plan, this may not be the right opportunity for trustee education. The cost of the virtual conference is \$500 per attendee. The Board indicated they would not attend this year’s NCTR virtual conference.

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Mr. Bourne asked Ms. Carter to address the National Council Teachers’ Retirement (NCTR) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) statement of principles which are to be voted upon at the annual conference. Ms. Carter explained the organization is facing the question of it’s lack of diversity on it’s board of directors. Mr. Bourne asked the Board whether OSERS should write a letter of support even though OSERS will not be attending the conference. Although a formal vote was not taken, the OSERS Board members gave an indication of support to have a letter sent to NCTR in support of the DE&I amendment to its constitution.

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Ms. Carter gave the following information as part of the Executive Director's report. With the closing of fiscal year 2021, OPS accounting and OSERS staff are concentrating on the audit of the OSERS financial statements. Seim Johnson, will look to meet with the OSERS board or audit committee for the opening of the audit review. The audit is due to be filed with the state of Nebraska in early November and will be presented to the OSERS board and District board of education in December.

OSERS staff met with NPERS IT staff for a quick meet & greet via video conferencing. Director Gerke and Ms. Carter continue to meet monthly to ensure each are aware of what is going on with their respective systems.

The Omaha Area Retired School Employees met in August where Ms. Carter gave an update on the impact of the passage of LB 147 (2021).

Rollover and term-vested letters were sent out this week for former OPS employees who left service the end of the 2021 school year and in the month of July. There were 254 rollover letters (non-vested former employees). There were 186 deferred-vested letters sent out. The mailing of this batch was under the policies of the new board of trustees. The cover letter and distribution forms were adapted to reflect the board's policy of a four month waiting period from date of separation before a distribution can be processed. In addition, it is noted on the distribution form that if the former employee returns to employment with OPS, he/she will be required to repay the distribution to the OSERS plan.

The school district deposited the 2021 actuarial required contribution into OSERS in the amount of \$24,144,826 which represents \$1.945 million more than what was required, or 9% more than actuarially required in the January 1, 2021 Valuation Report.

The October OSERS meeting will include a presentation by Cavanaugh Macdonald on the economic components of the Experience Study. It will also include a presentation by the Nebraska State Investment Officer and the investment consultant from AON. The presentation is to include the 2Q 2021 portfolio performance and the 2022 capital market assumptions.

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Ms. Carter reviewed for the Board the analysis of the September pension payments, the new retirements, the deaths, the refunds, and accounts payables. The following is an accounting of the administrative processing for the month of September. The Board is asked to approve the September pension payroll in the amount of \$11,529,382.60 to 5,249 payees; ratify staff payroll in the amount of \$32,303.18; approve 14 new retirements effective September 1, 2021 – first pension check paid October 3, 2021; approve for the month of September the termination of 9 pension payments due to the death of the retiree, continue 2 payments to joint survivors, terminate payments to 3 beneficiaries who received the remaining payments on a term-certain annuity. For the months of September OSERS processed 9 refunds for a total of \$184,545.13. For the months of September OSERS processed \$4,075.00 in accounts payables.

Ms. Johnson made a motion the Board of Trustees for the months of September ratify and approve the pension payroll, staff payroll, new retirements, terminations, and surviving annuitants due to death of the retiree, refunds, and accounts payables as was described. Mr. Head seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Bourne - Block – Erdenberger – Head – Johnson - Logan – 6. Nay: - 0.

- September New Retirement Annuitants (first check September 3, 2021) [14 count]

EMPLOYEE	NAME		EMP		RET	YRS	AVERAGE		CHOSEN	
NUMBER	First	Last	TYPE	AGE	MONTH	SERVICE	SALARY	OPT	OMAHA	STATE
	Richard	Benak	T		9	33				
	Norena	Caniglia	T		9	8				
	Michael	Chizek	CMO		9	33.5				
	Deborah	Edmonson	Trans		9	12.8				
	Gita	Gran	Para		9	16				
	Deborah	Herrington	Other		9	5				
	William	Moore	CMO		9	27				
	Vincent	O'Dowd	CMO		9	35				
	Edilberto	Rangel	CMO		9	26.5				
	Luann	Rohr	Para		9	21				
	Denise	Saniuk	T		9	32				
	Dinah	Smith	Trans		9	14.6				
	Mark	Thomas	CMO		9	15.5				
	Leslie	Williams	Trans		9	11.3				
Count					14					
Average				63.1		21	\$51,754.57		\$1,878.30	\$52.99
Median				62.5		19	\$48,555.22		\$880.94	\$43.70
Addition to Pension Payroll - September 2021										\$26,985.07

- Approve Terminations of Annuitants' Payments Due to Death – September 2021 [12 count]

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	NAME	AGE	RET YEAR	DATE OF DEATH	OSERS BENEFIT	Survivor Beneficiary	Survivor's Benefit \$	Overpayment Benefit \$
	Dorothy Schultz	84	1992	Jul-21				
	Anna Hazen		1998	Jul-21				
	Anna Hazen		1992	Jul-21				
	Corrie Wilson		1987	Jul-21				
	Mabel Boyd		1989	Jul-21				
	Charles Weskirchen		1990	Jul-21				
	Doris Lingenfelter		2005	Jul-21				
	Mary McNamara		2004	Jul-21				
	Jayne Anderson		2011	Jul-21				
Terminated from Retiree Payroll – September 2021					\$18,448.11			
	Clifford Dale		1990	Jul-21		Marjorie Dale		
	Susan Distefano		2015	Jul-21		Anthony Disefano		
Continued Benefit Under Joint Survivor – September 2021					\$3,475.13		\$3,312.90	
	Paulette Rak		2016	Jul-21		Amanda Bank		
						Jennifer Rak		
						Polly Burns		
Term Certain Payments Ended - September 2021					\$475.08		\$475.08	
Elected Lump Sum Distribution - September 2021					\$0.00		\$0.00	
Total Removed / Continued on Pension Payroll					\$22,398.32		\$3,312.90	
Average Age at Death		84						
Average Years Retired			22					

- Approve August Refunds [9 count]

ID	First Name	Last	End Balance	Death Date	Deceased Member	Total EE CTs	Term Date	Accrued Service	DIST TYPE	
	Lisa	Burton					5/22/2019	2.3	Rollover	
	William	Carr					8/20/2020	6.0	Direct	
	Anthony	Barker		7/8/2021	Sandra Chevalier		6/29/2021	21.0	Death	
	Troy	Evans					7/31/2006	5.0	Rollover	
	Michelle	Flores					7/31/2014	9.5	Rollover	
	Morgan	Hynes					4/2/2021	2.0	Direct	
	Tomi	Keegan					5/18/2003	8.0	Rollover	
	Ronald	Octobre					4/11/2021	3.0	Direct	
	Caitlin	Winkler					7/31/2017	5.0	Rollover	
COUNT				9						
TOTAL Refunds			\$184,545.13							
AVERAGE			\$20,505.01						6.9	
MEDIAN			\$20,212.85						5.0	

Accounts / Payables for September = \$4,075.00

Audit of Financial Statements	
Seim Johnson (1 st of 4 payments)	\$4,075.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Cecelia M. Carter, Board Secretary