

The regular meeting of the Montague Retirement Board duly posted to be held at One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA on the above date came to order at 1:00 P.M. Chairperson Carolyn Olsen and members David Dion, Marianne Fiske and Leo Parent were present. Frank Abbondanzio was absent. Administrator Shari Hildreth was also present.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Douglas Finn, GMRSD, 7/1/08  
Briana Hannum, MHA, secretary, 7/14/08

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by L. Parent and seconded by D. Dion to accept new members.  
**UNANIMOUS**

**TRANSFER** Martha Rullman, GMR, 4/24/00-7/31/01, 1 year, 3mo and 7 days creditable service, transfer to State Retirement Board.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by L. Parent and seconded by M. Fiske to approve the transfer.  
**UNANIMOUS**

**REFUND** Thomas Sturtevant, GMR, paraprofessional, 1/4/05-5/23/05, 4 months and 19 days creditable service.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by L. Parent and seconded by M. Fiske to approve the refund.  
**UNANIMOUS**

Sandra Konvelski, GMR, Accidental Disability Retirement Application (ADR), per letter from Robert Wood, her supervisor at the time the injury was sustained, the member was not in performance of the essential duties of her job at the time the injury occurred. The member has also applied for Ordinary Disability Retirement (ODR). Based on recommendation from Attorney Gibson, the Board must deny the ADR as a matter of law and move forward with the ODR.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by D. Dion and seconded by L. Parent to accept the Ordinary Disability application and move forward with that process. **UNANIMOUS**

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by L. Parent and seconded by M. Fiske to deny the Accidental Disability Retirement as a matter of law and proceed with the Ordinary Disability Retirement.  
**UNANIMOUS**

MACRS Annual Fall Conference will be held October 19 -22, 2008 @ the Springfield Sheraton. Please let Administrator S. Hildreth know if you plan on attending. Approve travel reimbursement for anyone attending.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by D. Dion and seconded by L. Parent to approve the travel reimbursement. **UNANIMOUS**

Upcoming election: Mr. Parent's term expires 12/16/08. There will be an election December 10, 2008 to fill the term of 12/17/08-12/16/2011. The notice of election will be mailed to each retiree with the August payroll, and the notice will be posted in all units as well as publicized in The Recorder. Nomination papers will be available September 8, 2008 and are due back October 23, 2008. The Retirement Office will be the polling place on 12/10/08 from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM. Board voted to determine an election officer.

A recommendation was made to count the absentee ballots at the close of the election along with all of the votes that were cast.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by C. Olsen and seconded by L. Parent to have Administrator S. Hildreth be the election officer. **UNANIMOUS**

Received PERAC's approval for Superannuation retirement for JoAnn Greenleaf, Assessor, Option B, with a retirement date of June 30, 2008.

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by D. Dion and seconded by L. Parent to approve the retirement. **UNANIMOUS**

Beginning the week of Sept. 2, Administrator S. Hildreth will begin a free trial version of the PTG software program, running parallel systems for approximately 3 months or until the end of the year. The Board has also received the annual software support invoice for Tyler, but since a trial version of PTG is running, should the Board pay for only 1/2 of the invoice due through the end of the year, when Administrator S. Hildreth will make a decision on which program to continue with?

**BOARD VOTED** on a motion made by D. Dion and seconded by L. Parent to pay for only 6 months of the invoice for software support as a decision will be made as to which program the Board will continue to use at the end of the free trial period. **UNANIMOUS**

**WARRANT:** The bills were approved and Warrant #08 was signed as follows:

Contributory Warrant #08                      \$140,387.07

Breakdown:

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Payroll                    | 136,641.80 |
| Expenses (Admin)           | 2,305.69   |
| Refunds/Transfer/Rollovers | 1,439.58   |

The minutes of July 22, 2008 were signed into the record.

Financial Statements and mail were distributed and reviewed by the Board.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2008 at 1:00 P.M.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 P.M.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Olsen, Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Dion

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leo Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marianne Fiske

\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shari Hildreth  
Administrator  
Montague Retirement Board