

March 16, 1977 Meeting
4:00 P.M. - Room 112 Capitol

The chairman, Al Patton, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:	Al Patton	Harmon Ogdahl	John Chenoweth
	John Biersdorf	Earl Renneke	D. St. Onge
	David Beauchamp	Roger Strand	
	Donald M. Moe	Eugene Stokowski	
	Leo Reding	Collin Peterson	

Sen. Stokowski moved that the staff salaries be effective as outlined by Chairman Patton and retroactive to 1/1/77.

Executive Secretary	\$22,500
Assistant	15,300
Secretary	13,200

Motion carried

1. Teachers Early Retirement or Phase Out of Employment Problem

Sen. Hughes explained the problem of phasing out teachers and his proposal to the commission. He talked about a plan for those teachers wanting to gear down before retirement. He discussed establishing a separate fund--the faculty to contribute some money and the state to put in some money.

Rep. Eken discussed the phasing out problem. He spoke about the need for a "flow through" of new teachers.

Rep. Tomlinson discussed the cost of declining school enrollment in relation to phasing out of the older teachers.

SF 181 (Stokowski) - PERA Board of Trustees

HF 360 (Hanson) - Retired Member on TRA Board

HF 752 (Hanson); SF 688 (Strand) - Retired Member on MSRS Board

A staff amendment combining the three related proposals into a single bill was discussed. The amendment deletes everything after the enacting clause and substitutes the combined proposals for the text of SF 181 (Stokowski) The amendment makes no substantive changes in any of the three proposals.

Sen. Stokowski moved to strike everything after the enacting clause. Carried
Sen. Stokowski moved that SF 181 as amended be recommended to pass. Carried.

Harvey Schmidt, TRA, advised that TRA would like to have a retired member on its board.

J. Beaten, representing the retired MSRS employees, stated the retired MSRS members would like to have a retired representative on the board.

Mr. Groschen, MSRS, advised that presently the retired member is appointed by the Governor and that it would cost \$4,000 and doesn't seem necessary.

Rep. Moe voted "no" on the recommendation to pass.

HF 1099 (Searle); SF 888 (Pillsbury) Excelsior Volunteer Firemen's Relief Assn.
Proportionate Annuity

The bill authorizes the Excelsior Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association to pay a lump sum service pension to retiring members who have less than 20 years of service at age 50. A retiring member would be eligible to receive a proportionate service pension with 15 years of service and 75% of a proportionate service annuity with 10 years of service.

Gud Welter commented that the 69 and 71 Guidelines Act which governs the relief associations states - 1971 Guidelines Act states lump sum benefits must be amortized in a 10 year period; monthly payments to be amortized in a 20 year period.

Rep. Biersdorf moved that HF 1099; SF 888 be recommended to pass. Carried

HF 1259 (Suss) Savage Vol. Firemen's Benefit Increase

The bill would allow an increase in future pension benefit payments for both retired and active members of the Savage Vol. Fire Department. The bill would allow a tripling of the benefits to a maximum of \$180 per month.

Rep. Suss will confer with the city council and the bill was laid over.

HF 491 (W. Kelly); SF 379 (Moe) - Crookston Police Relief Assn:
Benefit Accrual, Vesting

To be ^ehard next week.

E. Diebel
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