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The 240th regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:00 A.M. in Suite 206 of the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Martin Spani, with Board Member Debora Smith, Board Member Brian VanCamp, Board Member Miland Walling and Executive Secretary Hailey Blankenship present. Also present were Krisiti Bromley and James Aber of Washington State Investment Board via Zoom. Board Member Haglin joined via zoom.

Secretary Blankenship requested the order of Agenda items #1 and #2 of Old Business be reversed in respect of Guest time and schedules.

The Board reviewed the May 19th, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. It was moved by Board Member , seconded by Board Member Walling and carried to approve the previous meeting minutes with no noted corrections.

FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Blankenship along with James Aber and Kristi Bromley of Washington State Investment Board provided the Board members with an overview of next steps for the relief and benefits fund that is effective on August 1st, 2023. The fund split letter was drafted and sent to WSIB confirming the percentage of funds (1.5%) to transfer. The amount to be transferred is proportionate to the enrollment in the Reserve Officer Relief and Pension Plan. The new benefits fund, 624, is already established and funds can be moved August 1 and then cleaned up as needed. The proportionate amount is based on currently enrolled reserve officers, reserve officers retired and collecting their benefit as well as the consideration of potential accidents that may occur.

Secretary Blankenship updated the Board on the Database Replacement Project. The project is still tracking on time and in budget but the overall status remains at a moderate risk. Implementation be January 1st of 2024 for the payroll and then a second release will happen in March of 2024 providing access to municipalities. The split implementation will provide time for additional development to be completed as well as the creation of training materials. The funding carry forward was approved for the 23-25 biennium; 2.4 million will carry forward to complete the development and implementation of the project. Testing with BVFF data has been started in the prototype and is proving to be very user friendly. We will have a demonstration available in the near future.

The private letter ruling requesting status change to a Length of Service Award Plan (457 (e)) under IRS law has been drafted noting the changes to plan participation removing the previously enrolled reserve law enforcement officers. The filing fee has been processed and we will wait to hear back from them for questions or feedback and for a time frame.

Secretary Blankenship a quick reminder on the discussion regarding the LODD Benefit under review for Alan Basso. This appeal is still on hold, Ms. Basso's attorney passed away unexpectedly and we have not received notification to date if they are going to continue this effort. Secretary Blankenship is going to follow up and see if there is a time cap to which we can schedule the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

The State Auditors' Office has initiated the biennial accountability audit. This audit will cover July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Their review will last one hundred and eighty hours and cover pension disbursements, relief reconciliation and receipt reconciliation. At this stage we are already reviewing documents and the review period is expected to be wrapped up the beginning of August.

The Board reviewed the Secretary's leave and pay records

The Board reviewed and approved (Smith moved, VanCamp seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered #02896 through #02948 and various travel vouchers.

There was a motion by Walling seconded by VanCamp and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates:

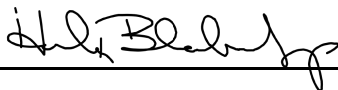
<u>PARTICIPANT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AARON BERNHARD	CENTRAL KITSAP	5/30/2021	300.00
SUZANNE BERRY	SAN JUAN 4	4/22/2023	4227.38 LUMP @63
IRA BREHMEYER	MASON 12	5/8/2023	300.00
ANDREA BROWN	CENTRAL MASON	6/6/22	6453.63 LUMP @ 62
KEITH BROWNING	KLICKITAT 7	12/21/12	3631.45 LUMP
RICHARD BUNZEL	SKAGIT 11	3/6/22	3824.35 LUMP
JOE CORLIS	KING FPD 10	6/12/2019	6724.00 LUMP @60
JOHN DAVIN	WALLA WALLA 4	7/2/2023	300.00
DEBRA DAVIS	FERRY 3	1/16/23	183.57 SURV.
NEIL FINK	ODESSA	7/17/2023	247.50 J/S
WILLIAM HALBERT	THURSTON 8	6/7/2023	202.50
PHIL HARRINGTON	CENTRAL MASON	11/6/2020	3824.35 LUMP
RONALD HAYWARD	OKANOGAN 3	9/10/2011	3368.97 LUMP
JON HENSLEY	LEWIS 15	3/17/2023	252.00 @63
JAMES HILL	MASON 3	4/16/2022	73.50
ROBERT JOHNSON	KITTITAS 7	5/1/2022	300.00
TIM JOHNSON	CLALLAM 2	11/10/2022	132.60 @61
KARL KAISER	KETTLE FALLS	5/12/2023	228.00 @62
CLINTON KEPHART	SNOHOMISH 21	9/7/2008	4180.74 LUMP
ROBERT KOHLER	GRAYS HARBOR 6	10/21/2022	202.50
DOUG KOREVAAR	PACIFIC 6	2/21/2021	3569.40 LUMP
ALLEN LOGAN	DOUGLAS 4	3/2/2022	195.00
LINDA MCDANIEL	OKANOGAN 11	1/1/2023	270.00
RONALD MCKINNEY	RIVERSIDE FA	7/5/2023	151.92 J/S
WAYNE MERCER	BENTON 5	1/20/2023	210 @63
GREGORY NELLIST	FIRCREST	3/22/2021	4334.27 LUMP
ODEN OLSON	SNOHOMISH 16	10/10/2022	3007.01 LUMP @60
PAMELA PAULY	SAN JUAN 4	5/15/2023	225.00
GORDON PETERSON	SUMNER	8/18/2018	6453.63 LUMP @62
SUSAN RATFIELD	SKAGIT 5	10/21/2022	300.00
THOMASS ROEBRTSON	STEVENS 5	1/1/2020	4744.77 LUMP
CRAIG ROY	YAKIMA 1	3/18/2022	4334.27
JAMES SCHMOKER	SNOHOMISH 4	6/17/2017	300.00
STEVEN SLAWSON	SNOHOMISH 27	4/30/2023	4334.27 LUMP

JEFFREY SMITH	SNOHOMISH 25	1/1/2022	210.00
JOSEPH STERBA	IONE	9/28/2021	70.48 J/S
PAULA STERBA	IONE	9/29/2022	256.50 J/S
DONALD TAYLOR	LEWIS 8	11/26/2022	290.00
TAMRA VAN DYKE	MALDEN	5/11/2023	300.00
STEVEN WALLE	CAMANO ISLAND	3/2/2017	2549.57 LUMP
RICHARD WOODS	SNOHOMISH 16	4/25/2023	300.00
DANIEL WRIGHT	CHELAN F&R	3/8/2023	300.00
RONALD WRIGHT	LEWIS 8	11/17/2022	255.00 J/S

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There was a motion by Smith, seconded by VanCamp, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:21 am.



Hailey Blankenship, Executive Secretary