

## Payroll User Group Agenda Tuesday, October 16, 2012 Board Room, First Floor, North Building 10 am to Noon

	Item	Notes
Welcome	Welcome and Introductions – Pat Miklica, Cathy McKim and All	
1. DBA	DBAS update –	
a.	CalSTRS- Joyce	
i.	i. Penalty and Invoice Process	
ii.	i. STRS "Defined Benefit Request for Adjustment Form"	
iii.	i. Multiple File Transmission Process Begins	
iv.	r. Fiscally Accountable District's & Community Colleges Pilot-	
	Submission to STRS	
b.	CalPERS- Joyce	
j.	i. Pre-Payroll Audit	
ii.	i. 10-11 Month Reporting (equal payments)	
III.		
	cannot be held until September EOM payroll)	
iv.	r. Time Cards (specific guidance on prior period designation)	
ν.	r. Fiscally Accountable District's – Submit directly to PERS	
C.	Payroll Items- Discussion	
l.	i. Pay Schedule Discussion – Tami Camarena	
ii.	i. W4 Screen- Pay Code Field is blank –	
d.	Pension Reform- Summary Discussion- Cathy	
e.	Healthcare Reform – Update- Cathy	
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f.	Miscellaneous Questions/Concerns	

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	TSB Update	
	a. Security Template	
	b. QCC Rollout – Status Update	
3.	Miscellaneous Questions and Concerns - All	
4.	Upcoming Meetings in 2012-13 – All	
	a. Tuesday, January 15, 2013 – Milpitas room	
	b. Wednesday, March 13, 2013 – Gilroy room	
	c. Thursday, May 16, 2013 – Milpitas room	

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## **Payroll User Group**

## October 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Note: The items in the minutes refer to the specific numbered agenda items.

- 1. A total of 29 districts were represented at this meeting.
- 2. Joyce Shen presented an overview of the retirement system process changes.
  - a. CalSTRS Changes
    - i. <u>Penalty and Invoice Process</u> Joyce explained that the penalties received will be charged to each district right away. To delay could mean additional interest to the district. The district can still object to these charges and can do so after the fact. She also said that so far, these charges pertain to either Late Reports or Late Contributions remitted.

**Action** – DBAS will send a minimally standard explanation to the district Financial staff when posting these penalty charges and request that they check with the Payroll staff to obtain the details.

The Payroll staff can log on to the **Contribution Account Portal** in **SEW** to obtain the details by employee of these errors and the charges. If the report was late, they can see the number of days it was late. This information should clarify why the charge is being assessed. Joyce stated that the allowed reporting timeline for parttime employees to STRS is 75 days.

In SEW; the **Contribution Account Portal** is a bit unstable which could affect the information obtained through it. However, a more stable link is **Penalty Assessment and Dispute Management**. This link offers the ability to find the details of the errors. Once you find your invoice, you can export it to download to Excel.

TF for stale-dated checks – These are received by the district Budget/Financial staff. Should these employees have access to SEW? Districts were asking DBAS for some general directions to be sent to their district on this issue.

**Action** – DBAS will review this process with the group at the next Fiscal Directors' roundtable meeting.

Districts were asking if the employee should be charged for these fees. At this point, no since they are due to late report submission.

**Action** – DBAS will be sending out instructions on this new process and SEW system accessibility to the districts.

**Important** - Districts will have 60 days to submit and make these report adjustments. Keep in mind that they are **very** time sensitive.

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**Action** – Since there have been many recent changes and requirements, DBAS will discuss this issue with the group at the next Fiscal Directors' roundtable meeting.

These corrections must be done on the 10<sup>th</sup> or end-of-month payrolls. Can they be done on the manual warrant payrolls also?

**Action** – Cathy McKim will verify if these corrections can be done on the manual warrant payrolls.

- ii. <u>Defined Benefit Request for Adjustment</u> This form is sent to districts telling them they have 60 days to make these corrections. Typically they refer to historical lines. The employees should be charged for these transactions, if possible.
- iii. <u>Multiple Submissions</u> The first STRS report submitted is from the end-of-month payroll. Any additional reports need to be submitted as supplemental. This will alleviate additional errors due to files not yet submitted. After the 10<sup>th</sup> payroll is processed, no more "partial" reports should be submitted. Instead, just partial supplemental reports will be accepted.
- iv. <u>Fiscally Accountable Districts and Community Colleges Pilot</u> Starting in November, community colleges and independent districts will begin submitting their data to STRS individually.

## b. CalPERS Changes

- i. <u>Pre-Payroll Audit</u> Districts shared that they are performing their pre-payroll audit to verify the accuracy of their data.
- ii. <u>10- versus 11-month Employees</u> If a salaried classified employee works some days in August and continues working through June, it would be best to set them up as an 11-month employee. Also, remember that the monthly pay rate is always based on 100%, 8-hour day.
- iii. <u>Summer Work</u> For PERS members, summer work for classified employees is reportable. August summer work must be paid no later than on the September 10th payroll.
- iv. <u>Time Cards paying part time employees</u>. If the district pay periods straddle 2 months, they need to make appropriate changes to pay current time in that month and the prior month coded as prior. This is not a PERS requirement now, but we need to make appropriate changes so we are ready when it does become one.
- v. <u>Fiscally Accountable Districts</u> PERS will be allowing independent and independent community college districts to submit their data directly to PERS.
- vi. Miscellaneous Concerns -

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- 1. PERS retirees can work up to 960 hours per fiscal year. More AC-P-C codes will be added to the system to enable the retirees' post retirement earnings to be reported to PERS.
- 2. Non-member reporting For hourly substitutes, working 1,000 hours at multiple districts qualifies them for membership. PERS is expanding their ability to capture these employees who qualify for membership. Also, TSB is working with QSS to create a way to track this cross-district information.
  - **Note:** On the Credential Screen in QSS/QCC, if an employee works at multiple districts, that information is displayed for both CL and CE employees.

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**Action** - If a district is notified that contributions are due to either STRS or PERS for employees who have resigned and still working in the county at other districts, would it be possible to for them to collect those contributions for the former district? Cathy McKim will bring this concern to the next Fiscal Directors' roundtable meeting.

## c. Payroll Items

- i. <u>Pay Schedules Changes</u> Some of the pay schedules from the end-of-month will be modified for use on the 10<sup>th</sup>-of-month payroll. They will be linked to all districts.
- ii. <u>Blank Pay Code Field</u> It was brought to DBAS' attention that some districts have blank pay code fields on the W4 screen. When this occurs, a message will appear from the Payroll edits so district staff can make those corrections.

## 3. Pension Reform

a. Cathy McKim compiled a comprehensive summary document of all the legislation that will affect both PERS and STRS members and retirees. This document will be sent along with these minutes for your review.

## 4. Healthcare Reform

- a. Cathy McKim shared that the medical benefit amounts will appear on the 2012 W2. No changes are required by the districts for this information to appear. DBAS will verify this data will display correctly by reviewing the 2011 W2 information.
- 5. TSB Update- See attached Update
  - a. Document Management Systems
  - b. Employee Self Service
  - c. QCC Migration
- 6. The next Payroll User Group meetings will be on:
  - a. Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at SCCOE, Milpitas room
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