

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Useful idiots

The College of DuPage Board of Trustees recently voted President Robert Breuder a severance package of over \$750,000. It seems more of a buyout since he still has some time on his contract. Who knows, maybe the trustees wanted him to retire early. At least one trustee however was not happy about handing so much loot to the retiring president.

Handing Breuder a “golden parachute” is nothing other than a wanton betrayal of our constituents and out students, says the trustee. She adds: “We should show Dr. Breuder the door, but instead this board falls over itself — to give him a golden handshake. Here tonight, taxpayers do not count.” Insiders do. Ahhh, there’s that t-word again — taxpayers.

God forbid the taxpayer may not like it. But it didn’t seem to bother anyone when the ex-president garnered a total compensation of \$484,812. Didn’t say anything about the taxpayer being peeved, but gee, maybe I missed it among all the other stuff going on in this world.

Well, for grins this is how the other side lives. From the *Chicago Tribune*:

Breuder’s base salary	\$249,000 in 2009
Current base	292,739 17% increase
Deferred comp	72,000 first year
Current deferred	85,000
Current pension payment	23,429
Car allowance	8,400
Housing allowance	18,000
Vacation	25 days
Personal days	5 days
Respite and renewal leave	12 days in summer

Wouldn’t you like to get 12 days in summer for respite and renewal to get away from your chief and mayor?

But the point here is not to disparage what the dude makes or what DOC trustees paid him and will pay him to get the hell out.

The point is that it’s the “insiders,” the political rising stars or those already there, the brass, the big brass, the head honchos who get the big payouts while they try to get the measly pensions from all of us grunts.

Keep up the good fight and know thine enemy. Unfortunately, it is the press and the politicians.

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