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DAVID P. STEINERT,	*
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Appellant,	*
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v.	*
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VERNE H. KNOLL, Deputy Director,	*
State Bureau of Personnel,	ż
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Respondent.	*
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Case No. 76-20	*
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INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

OFFICIAL

Before: JULIAN, Chairperson, STEININGER and DEWITT, Board Members.

OPINION

The Respondent has taken the position that this appeal is untimely and that there is no subject matter jurisdiction. The following findings of fact are limited to the record to date and to this preliminary decision on jurisdiction. We do perceive some ambiguity as to the nature of this appeal and the underlying facts. The Respondent will not be precluded from attempting to lay an evidentiary foundation for a renewal of this motion at the hearing on the merits.

The Appellant was reallocated from Teacher 5 - Supervisor to Teacher Supervisor 2 effective June 22, 1975. The reallocation notice (Respondent's Exhibit 1) was dated July 8, 1975, and contained the following statement:

"If you believe the new classification does not adequately reflect the duties and responsibilities of your position, you may file a written notice of appeal within 15 calendar days after the effective date of this action or receipt of this notice, whichever is later."

In a letter to a Corrections Personnel Manager, James Lizak, dated August 19, 1975 (Appellant's Exhibit 1-D), contained the following:

"My new reclass, effective 6/22/75, from Teacher 5-Supervisor to Teacher Supervisor 2 has denied me the right to file for a pay raise that I earned while classified as a Teacher 5. The needed college credits, 42 sememster hours, for reclass to Teacher 6 were earned prior to the new reclassification. I was unable to file for the Teacher 5 to 6 reclass while a Teacher 5 because the grade report for the last college course taken was not received until the first of August 1975. The last college course was taken the first several weeks of June, 1975.

I feel that I am entitled to the Teacher 5 to 6 pay raise because I earned the needed college credits during the time I was classified as a Teacher 5. I request that I be allowed to file for and receive the Teacher 5 to 6 pay raise."

In a letter dated January 20, 1976, from Camp System Warden Matthews to Appellant (Appellant's Exhibit 1-B), he stated in part: "Your request for reclassification from a Teacher 5 to a Teacher 6 was denied by the State Bureau of Personnel." Appellant's appeal letter addressed to the Board (Appellant's Exhibit 1-A) was received February 6, 1976, and contained the following statement:

"I am appealing the State Bureau of Personnel's denial of my request to receive the pay raise (\$55.00 per month) that I would have received in a reclassification from Teacher 5 to Teacher 6. I was denied this reclass and related pay raise because of an arbitrarily selected reallocation date of June 22, 1975. This was the date that my reallocation from Teacher 5 - Supervisor to Teacher Supervisor 2 became effective."

On this record we cannot conclude that Appellant is appealing the reallocation contained in the July 8, 1975, notice of reallocation. At this point we conclude that he is appealing a denial of a subsequent reclassification request. We will schedule this matter for hearing on the merits. At that time the parties may also make whatever record each may desire with regard to the jurisdictional basis for this appeal with an eye towards renewal of Respondent's jurisdictional objection.

ORDER

The Respondent's objection to subject matter jurisdiction grounded on the alleged failure to take a timely appeal is overruled without Steinert v. Knoll - 76-20 Page 3

prejudice to its renewal if Respondent is able to establish the required evidentiary basis.

Dated <u>May 24</u>, 1976.

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

Julian Jr. Chairperson _