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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2012AP2522 In re the marriage of: Lori A. Bierman v. Jeffrey J. Bierman (L.C. # 2008FA425)

Before Neubauer, P.J., Reilly and Gundrum, JJ.

Jeffrey J. Bierman appeals a postdivorce order modifying child support. Based upon our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2011-12).¹ We affirm the order of the circuit court.

Jeffrey and Lori Bierman were divorced in 2009. They have two children, ages thirteen and fifteen at the time of the divorce. Since the dissolution of their marriage, the issue of child

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2011-12 version.

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support has been reviewed by the circuit court. On October 30, 2012, following a court trial, the circuit court entered a written order modifying child support. Jeffrey appeals that order.

Generally, we review a circuit court's decision to modify child support for a proper exercise of discretion. *See Zutz v. Zutz*, 208 Wis. 2d 338, 342, 559 N.W.2d 919 (Ct. App. 1997). We will affirm a court's exercise of discretion if it examined the relevant facts, applied the proper legal standards, and reached a logical conclusion. *Id.*

Jeffrey's arguments on appeal are difficult to discern.² However, it appears that he takes issue with the circuit court's conclusion that his child support obligations should be increased. Jeffrey suggests that this conclusion was based on an erroneous calculation that he has three children to support instead of two.

Reviewing the circuit court's order, we see nothing in it to support Jeffrey's contention that the circuit court's conclusion was based on an erroneous calculation. Moreover, because Jeffrey has failed to provide this court with any transcripts of the court trial preceding the order, we must presume that the circuit court did not erroneously exercise its discretion when it modified child support. *See Duhame v. Duhame*, 154 Wis. 2d 258, 269, 453 N.W.2d 149 (Ct. App. 1989) (in the absence of a transcript, we will assume that every fact essential to sustain a circuit court's exercise of discretion is supported by the record).

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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² Jeffrey's brief does not contain a statement of issues presented or corresponding arguments. Instead, it simply lists prior court appearances in this case. On this basis alone, we could affirm the order of the circuit court. *See State v. Pettit*, 171 Wis. 2d 627, 646-47, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct. App. 1992) (this court need not consider arguments that are inadequately briefed).

IT IS ORDERED that the order of the circuit court is summarily affirmed, pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Diane M. Fremgen Clerk of Court of Appeals