



MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:30 PM, October 15, 2024. President Catrina Parker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present via Zoom
Craig McCormick	Trustee	Present
Georgene Chissell	Trustee	Present
Sharon Zeck	Trustee	Present
Catrina Parker	President	Present

Staff Present: Nan Goerlitz, Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins

Introduction of Public

There were no members of the public present.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Reports

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. President's Report

President Parker shared some highlights from her time at the ILA Conference. She attended a session on inclusivity and ableist microaggressions and ways libraries can be more accommodating. Since then, she heard from a friend with a son who has autism that the Bloomington Public Library staff told her about all of the resources here including the sensory room and sensory bags for checkout. Staff asked that she let them know if there's anything else the Library can do. The parent commented how it had lifted a weight in her life, and President Parker felt happy that the Bloomington Public Library is so inclusive.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Budget & Personnel Committee Report

President Parker reported that the committee reviewed the proposed budget, which will be discussed later, and the current annual performance review forms for the Library Director.

The committee agreed to have two volunteers from the Board review the forms and bring any proposed changes back to the Board no later than the February 2025 meeting. Trustees Argenziano and Chissell volunteered to review the forms.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Director's Report

Director Hamilton mentioned that the Illinois Library Association is hosting in-person legislative meet ups in December. Any Trustees who are interested in attending should let the Director know so she can get them registered. Director Hamilton recently gave a tour to various staff members from libraries in RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System), and everyone on the tour was very impressed with the new space. She also passed around the annual report from Hoopla on the Library's usage statistics. Finally, she shared that the Library recently launched StackMap, which provides a link to map to each specific material's location in the Library in the online catalog.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Fiscal Report

Kathy Jeakins indicated that the report is in the packet.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Item 6.A. Approve Minutes of 9/17/24: Regular Bloomington Public Library

Item 6.B. Bills in the Amount of \$807,077.89

Item 6.C. Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 16, 2024: Executive Session of the Bloomington Public Library Board Regular Meeting

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chissell, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried (viva voce), 7-0.

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Approve Maintenance and Operating Budget for FY26

Trustee McCormick made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chissell, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Parker; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Chissell; Trustee Zeck

Motion carried, 7-0.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve Fixed Asset Budget for FY26

Trustee Hollister made a motion, seconded by Trustee Henry, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Parker; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Henry; Trustee Hollister; Trustee McCormick; Trustee Chissell; Trustee Zeck

Motion carried, 7-0.

Discussion Items

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Discussion of Per Capita Grant Requirement

Director Hamilton reviewed portions of Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries.

Comments by Trustees

Trustee Hollister expressed appreciation for being able to attend the ILA Conference.

Adjournment

Trustee Chissell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce), 7-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:36 PM.