

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE BARRINGTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on February 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Zimmerman Room of the Barrington Area Library pursuant to notices sent to the Board and the press on February 7, 2020.

Present and acting as trustees were:

Donald Minner, President
Carolyn Welch Clifford, Vice President
Carrie F. Carr, Treasurer
Denise Tenyer, Secretary
Jan Miller
William Pizzi

Absent was:

Denise Devereux-Peters

Also in attendance were:

Chris Damsch, Shales McNutt Construction
Jesse Henning, Executive Director
Penny Kazmier, Barrington 220 School Board
Helen Lodowsky, YES for 220
Cheryl Riendeau, Finance Manager
Lisa Stordahl, Office Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Minner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Lisa Stordahl called the roll.

III. AUDIENCE RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Penny Kazmier, President of Barrington 220 School Board, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming school referendum, which will be on the March 17, 2020 ballot. She noted that it had been twenty years since the last referendum passed. A successful referendum would improve safety and security at the schools, protect the community's investment by repairing and renovating aging buildings, create dedicated spaces for STEM labs, modernize student learning environments, and add additional physical education and wellness spaces.

Ms. Kazmier invited the Board to any of the upcoming building tours and asked them to reach out to the Board or the Superintendent should they have any questions. At the conclusion of her remarks, Ms. Kazmier thanked the Board and departed the meeting.

Helen Lodowsky spoke next on behalf of the YES for Barrington 220's Future Committee. Ms. Lodowsky stated that the committee had listened to the community's feedback after the last referendum narrowly failed and have reduced the number of projects and lowered this referendum's cost by nearly 40 million dollars. Ms. Lodowsky suggested that the project list had been whittled down to address the district "needs" vs. "wants," and she's asking the Library Board to remind friends, families, and neighbors to get out to vote on March 17. Ms. Lodowsky thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting. President Minner noted a few items to be corrected. President Minner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tenyer, to approve the amended minutes of the January 13 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the January 13, 2020 Executive Session Meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. President Minner moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Pizzi. The motion passed unanimously.

President Minner asked if there were questions or corrections on the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 28, 2020. There were none. President Minner moved to approve the January 28 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Carr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS / BUSINESS

President's Report

President Minner shared the note addressed to the Board and Staff from the family of Mr. Ryan.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Carr presented the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$9,434,021.61 with receipts of \$32,157.29 and expenditures of \$753,491.55; leaving an ending balance of \$8,712,687.35. Seven months into the fiscal year, revenues are 51.85% of anticipated, and expenditures are 48.16% of the budget. Mr. Pizzi moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and bills for payment as presented. Ms. Tenyer seconded the motion.

Ayes: Carr, Clifford, Miller, Minner, Pizzi, Tenyer
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Devereux-Peters
Motion: CARRIED.

Executive Director's Report

Director Henning was happy to report that the first pilot program, The Seed Library, has been deployed to the public. He thanked Liz Kirchhoff in Adult Services for all the work done to make this program such a great success. The next project is currently in the works and will involve

circulating device chargers for in-house use. This project is a collaborative effort between Adult and Youth Services.

Internally, the library leadership team continues to investigate moving towards a fine-free policy, noting that no measurable difference has been detected in the three months since the DVD fine decrease has been in effect. Director Henning stated that implementing fine-free policies is a complex process that will take some time if the Board chooses to go in this direction.

In staff news, Cheryl Riendeau, the library's Finance Manager, is now a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and will be working toward the Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards.

Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins appeared in court on the January 29 to execute the Agreed Order related to the sears EDA and will be entering a motion to join the lawsuit as a plaintiff on February 20, 2020.

Director Henning was thrilled to announce that the library has been recognized as a Four-Star Library in Library Journal.

Director Henning stated that he will be attending the ILA Legislative Breakfast on Monday, February 17, and invited the members of the Board to attend if possible. In the coming months, the Board will be required to complete harassment and cybersecurity training, noting that they will receive invites for each of the training components via their email.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The bid documents for the upper parking lot renovation were reviewed. Ms. Clifford made a motion to award the contract for Bid Package #06A to Wm. Tonyan and Sons in the amount of \$173,200; #26A to Associated Electric for \$120,000; #32A to Abbey Paving for \$207,316; and to approve a total project cost of \$695,291 to be administered by Shales McNutt Construction. Ms. Carr seconded the motion.

Ayes: Carr, Clifford, Miller, Minner, Pizzi, Tenyer
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Devereux-Peters
Motion: CARRIED.

Director Henning presented the amended Board Policy Manual to the Board. President Minner moved to approve the Board Policy Manual as amended. Mr. Pizzi seconded the motion.

Ayes: Carr, Clifford, Miller, Minner, Pizzi, Tenyer
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Devereux-Peters
Motion: CARRIED.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Board read the thank you letter that they received from Mr. Ryan’s family and discussed space-naming opportunities to honor Mr. Ryan’s long service to the library board and the community. President Minner suggested creating a small committee that could focus on this project in the coming months.

VI: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Carr moved, and Ms. Tenyer seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Secretary