



MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, 5:30 PM

The Library Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 5:30 PM, October 17, 2023. President Julian Westerhout called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Matthew Watchinski	Trustee	Present
Alicia Whitworth	Trustee	Present
Dianne Hollister	Trustee	Present
John Argenziano	Trustee	Present
Susan Mohr	Vice President	Present
Julian Westerhout	President	Present
Catrina Parker	Trustee	Absent
Van Miller	Trustee	Absent
Alicia Henry	Trustee	Absent

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 Westerhout remarked that he had not had a chance to walk into the new entrance to the Library but had noticed lots of people are visiting. He looks forward to hearing how things are going in the newly renovated space.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Director's Report

Director Hamilton shared that the Library once again partnered with Connect Transit in September to offer free bus rides to anyone who shows their Library card (either

Bloomington or Normal Library). There were 24,804 people who rode the bus with their Library card. She personally heard people coming into the Library to get a card specifically to take advantage of the free bus rides. The Bloomington Public Library added 343 new cards that were not student cards in September.

The newly renovated side of the Library is now open to the public, which is extremely exciting for staff and patrons alike. Staff have heard many positive comments from patrons walking into the new space. It is still a construction space, so some temporary items are in place.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Fiscal Report Presentation

Kathy Jeakins stated that the reports were in the packet. She indicated that the split on property tax distribution at the end of September was done incorrectly, so there will be a correction shown in the October report.

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 September 19, 2023: Regular Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

Item 6.B. Approve Bills in the Amount of \$415,794.41

Item 6.C. Approve Minutes of April 18, 2023: Executive Session of the Bloomington Public Library Board meeting

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

Motion carried (viva voce), 6-0.

Approval Items

The following item was presented:

Item 7.A. Approve FY25 Maintenance and Operating Budget

Trustee Watchinski made a motion, seconded by Vice President Mohr, to approve the item as amended.

AYES: Trustee Westerhout; Trustee Mohr; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee Watchinski; Trustee Whitworth

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.B. Approve FY25 Fixed Asset Budget

Trustee Whitworth made a motion, seconded by Trustee Watchinski, to approve the item as presented.

AYES: Trustee Westerhout; Trustee Mohr; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee Watchinski; Trustee Whitworth

Motion carried.

Discussion Items

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Discussion of Per Capita Grant Requirement

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

Comments by Trustees

Trustee Mohr commented that she saw one of her students at the Library, and the student loved the new space.

Trustee Hollister shared that she was thrilled recently to be the first person to check out a newly-released book.

Adjournment

Vice President Mohr made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hollister, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Trustee Westerhout; Trustee Mohr; Trustee Argenziano; Trustee Hollister; Trustee Watchinski; Trustee Whitworth

Motion carried (viva voce), 6-0.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 PM.