



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY HELD TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 2024, AT 5:00 P.M. AT 301 S. FOURTH ST., PEKIN, IL.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Carrie Allen, President; Randy Turner, Vice President; Leslie Leitner, Secretary; Mary Jane Sours; Sue Crowell; Maureen Naughtin; Mary Ann Ladendorf

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Tim Williams; Gary Gillis, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Brooks, Director; Emily Lambe, Public Information and Office Manager; Chamber Leadership Academy Participants

President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

MINUTES

The MINUTES of the Nov. 28, 2023, Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented. Copies of the minutes and financial reports were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting. Trustee Crowell MOVED to APPROVE the minutes. Trustee Ladendorf SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Chamber Leadership Academy Participants

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Connection
Upcoming Programs

Emily Lambe included the February calendars in the Board Packet, noting new activities such as the Football Kick-Off Party, Chocolate Around the World, and the Abraham Lincoln program.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Following discussion, Trustee Naughtin MOVED to APPROVE expenditures for November in the amount of \$453,162.60 and expenditures for December in the amount of \$136,330.71. Trustee Turner SECONDED the MOTION. On roll call vote, Trustees Sours, Turner, Leitner, Naughtin, Allen, Crowell, and Ladendorf voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Brooks discussed the changes he made to the FY2025 Budget Draft, based on changes in the Personal Property Replacement Tax estimates. The library still needs to finish the front sign and shed, which will be done in the spring. Director Brooks is working on an update of the Capital Plan for the B&G committee to discuss.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Amend Materials Selection Policy

Trustee Crowell MOVED to APPROVE to amend the Materials Selection Policy as presented. Trustee Sours SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks explained that the amendment was based on how ALA and other libraries are changing their response to book challenges, because we are seeing a different kind of censorship effort. The Board will only address one book challenge (of the same book) every five years and will only consider challenges that come from Pekin Library cardholders. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Authorize the Purchase of
Everbright Long
Interactive Board

Trustee Leitner MOVED to APPROVE to authorize the purchase of the Everbright Long Interactive Board. Trustee Naughtin SECONDED the MOTION. Director Brooks said the Friends of the Library has donated \$6,000 toward the board; we have a \$2,000 grant from Ameren; \$2,000 from a recent gift we received, therefore the library portion would be \$8,287, for a total cost of \$18,287.00. Funds for the library's portion would be paid out of the 21st-Century Fund.

Review Closed Session Minutes

Trustee Sours MOVED to APPROVE to release the May 2023 Directors Evaluation, and hold the rest of the closed session minutes. Trustee Ladendorf SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sours MOVED to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Trustee Crowell SECONDED the MOTION. On voice vote, all present voted aye. There were no nays. MOTION was PASSED.

Secretary

President