

Algonquin Area Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, Illinois
September 25, 2024
7:00 pm

Call to Order

President Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call

In attendance: Trustee Becker, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Kennealy, Vice President Medrano-Sanchez, Treasurer Pelke, Secretary Sharkey, and President Taylor

Absent: None

Staff present: Executive Director Murray, Assistant Director-Public Services Parmele, Assistant Director-Operations Husak, Managers Erin Maiero, Henry Sadowski, Hannah Sloan, Sam Chiappone, and Coordinator Doug Cataldo

Audience to Visitors

No Visitors

Consent Agenda

- a) **Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2024 Budget & Appropriations Hearing Minutes**
- b) **Approval of Minutes of the August 28, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**
- c) **Acceptance of August 2024 Financial Statements**
- d) **Approval of the 2025 Holidays and Closings**

Trustee Becker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Approval of September 2024 Disbursements

Treasurer Pelke moved to approve the September 2024 disbursements as presented and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Kennealy, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, and Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Adoption of Resolution 2024-02, A Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed

There was some brief discussion about how the Board proceeded with this resolution last year, and President Taylor felt that we are proceeding logically. Trustee Kennealy moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02, A Resolution to Determine Estimate of Funds Needed and Trustee Johnson seconded. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Becker, Johnson, Kennealy, Medrano-Sanchez, Pelke, Sharkey, and Taylor

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Set Date for Truth in Taxation Hearing

President Taylor explained that with the current Estimate of Funds, no hearing would be necessary.

Eastgate Branch Renovation Project Update

- Windows have been installed on the west side of the building
- The elevator is scheduled to arrive September 30th.

- Bathroom tiling work is nearly complete on the lower level and the tile installers will be moving upstairs to the public and staff bathrooms.
- Geothermal drilling is complete.
- The front doors are expected to be installed this month.
- The glass KI walls for the fronts of the meeting room and study rooms are to arrive on December 8. The new furniture is scheduled for delivery in late November, but will likely be moved to early December due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The timeline for reopening will be discussed at the next OACM meeting on September 26, but we are looking at very early January to accommodate all furniture and collections placement and the winter holidays.
- There are not any change orders for Board review or approval at this time.

Committee Reports

The Policy Committee plans to meet again in January 2025.

The Facilities Committee met on September 16, and Chairperson Johnson walked through the Eastgate Branch with Executive Director Murray ahead of the meeting.

The Budget & Personnel Committee plans to meet before the next Board Meeting to discuss the levy options. Chairperson Pelke was pleased to share that at this time no new debt is expected with the Renovation project.

Staff Reports

Executive Director Murray discussed the upcoming ILA Conference in Peoria, IL. A Book Tasting program and the 1001 Books before Kindergarten program were discussed. There was also some brief discussion about the Library Card Sign Up Month theme that includes Transformers.

Trustee Reports

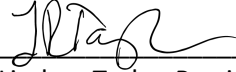
- Trustee Johnson received great help from Laura in the Makerspace to make sublimated mugs, and made a mug with the AAPLD logo for each trustee.
- Treasurer Pelke had nothing to report.
- Vice President Medrano-Sanchez is looking forward to attending the ILA Conference Trustee day this October in Peoria. She recently attended the Gail Borden Book sale.
- Trustee Becker shared a suggestion that we display the Bible for Banned Books Week. He also recommended two books: *Bomber Mafia* and *Lincoln and Douglas Save the Union*.
- Trustee Kennealy had nothing to report.
- Secretary Sharkey shared that she has enjoyed many audiobooks on her recent road trips. She also suggested the library host some professional training for professional development credit..
- President Taylor shared some statistics about Banned Books Week, specifically the rise in challenges that Public Libraries face. She reminded the trustees how important that work is.

Correspondence

Executive Director Murray added the official letter from the State of Illinois for the \$100,000 grant the library will be receiving for the Renovation project. The information from Tri Merit was also shared, and with all our documents in, the total credit may be larger than originally estimated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Taylor by declaration at 7:37 pm.

APPROVED: 
Lindsay Taylor, President

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Sharkey, Secretary