

Auburn Hills Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Location: 3400 E. Seyburn Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326 (248) 370-9466

1. Call to Order: President Miller calls the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Present: Trustee Ahern, (Trustee Fletcher at 7:02 p.m.) Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

Also present: Director Marble and Stenographer Larsen

Guests: 4

3. Approval of Draft Agenda:

Director Marble noted that the date on the draft agenda needed to be changed from October 11 to October 9.

Trustee Ahern moves to approve the draft agenda as corrected and Trustee Reynolds seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Trustee Schie moves to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented and Trustee Siepielski seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

5. Call to the Public: No members of the public requested to be heard.

6. Financial Report: As of September 30, 2023, YTD Total Revenues: \$2,241,963.21; YTD Total Expenditures: \$1,609,095.55; YTD Total Net Revenue vs Expenditures \$632,867.66; Total Investment \$783,297.08; Total Cash: \$1,552,891.87. Investment January 2023 \$770,471.08; Investment September 2023 \$783,297.08; YTD Difference, \$12,826.00.

(Trustee Fletcher enters at 7:02 p.m.)

7. Reports:

- A. Director and Coordinator Reports: Director Marble reported that the youth room has been reopened, but we are still waiting for the delivery of an information desk. We are also waiting for sound boards to muffle echoing in the community room and youth activity room.

The Director Search committee received 14 applications for the director position and narrowed the field to five potential candidates to interview.

The recent DSLRT meeting featured a guest speaker who discussed potential uses of AI in libraries and possible problems, including copyright infringement.

The locker system has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in December.

Frances Hoopingarner presented another donation to the library. She is a big supporter of the library.

- B. Friends of the Library report: The next board meeting is October 18, and the book sale will be held November 15-18. The sale will have many new books available.

8. Old Business

- A. Finance Committee update: Resolution to approve investing cash funds in MI CLASS.

Trustee Reynolds reported that the finance committee recommends that the library invest \$500,000 in Michigan CLASS EDGE. Trustee Schie asked if there is a projected annual rate of return, and Trustee Siepielski reported that the potential return appears to be in the 4% bracket at present, although there are no guarantees.

Trustee Reynolds moves to invest \$500,000 from the Library's cash funds into a MI CLASS EDGE account and Trustee Siepielski seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

- B. Director Search Committee update

Trustee Ahern reported that the committee meant and reviewed all submitted applications. The committee recommends interviewing candidates Kish, Kwiatkowski, McCrory, Schaefer, and Teasdale.

Trustee Ahern moves to interview candidates Kish, Kwiatkowski, McCrory, Schaefer, and Teasdale, and Trustee Fletcher seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Trustees agreed to schedule first-round interviews on Friday, October 20, and Monday, October 23. Second-round interviews were scheduled for Monday, November 6. Trustee Ahern will call candidates and schedule the interview times.

9. New Business:

A. Review and approve Projected 2023 budget

Trustee Ahern moves to amend the 2023 budget accordingly as presented and Trustee Siepielski seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

B. Review and approve the 2024 budget and levy request

Trustee Reynolds moves to adopt the 2024 budget resolution and levy request and Trustee Ahern seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

C. Review and approve 2024 Holiday Closures

Trustee Fletcher moves to approve the 2024 Holiday Closures and Trustee Miller seconds.

VOTE: YES: Trustee Ahern, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Miller, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Schie, and Trustee Siepielski.

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

10. Comments from the Board

Trustee Schie expressed his thanks to the Finance Committee and the Director Search Committee for their work.

Trustee Reynolds suggested that trustees plan to come in early before the first director interview to prepare for the interviews.

11 Adjournment: President Miller adjourns the meeting at 8:03 p.m.