

West Sangamon Public Library District  
Board of Trustees meeting  
June 6, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

Special Oversight Committee meeting with community members

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Jennifer Nelson-present

Brian Bandy-present

Rose Yarko-Lazzeri-present

Allicient Smith-present

Debbie LaKamp-present

Joel Sander-absent

Director Jeanine Benanti-present

Community members Jed Nelson, Linda Orr, and Don Smith-present

President Bandy gave an overview of the law (50 ILCS 70/Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act) and reviewed the Library Standards as a working document for the board with the community members present. Surveyed community members for input the library and none was given.

Adjourned at 6:07 on a 5-0 voice vote

The regular June 6, 2023 meeting of the West Sangamon Public Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by President Bandy. Roll call was taken with 5 members present.

Roll Call:

Jennifer Nelson-present

Brian Bandy-present

Rose Yarko-Lazzeri-present

Allicient Smith-present

Debbie LaKamp-present

Joel Sander-absent

Director Jeanine Benanti-present

Community member Linda Orr-present

Appointed Linda Orr to fill a vacant two year term from 2023-2025. Oath of office administered by President Bandy.

Minutes from the April 25, 2023, meeting were approved. Motion by Jen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allicient. Approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Treasurer's report:

Checking account balance is \$6,531. Money market account balance is \$105,527. Motion to approve by Jen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. Approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Officer Nominations:  
Held until July meeting.

President's Report:

Per capita grant money has been received (\$6,847.05) and discussed the special meeting. The hope is that the State Library will offer some guidance as to the requirements for those special meetings in the future.

Director's Report:

Remodel update-about 2 weeks left on ceiling replacement. Director Benanti will request some estimates for power washing and re-painting the side of the building facing the parking lot. Director Benanti is directed by the board to use her discretion in clearing out any old building supplies/materials found in the attic spaces. Library circulation clerk 2 position is still available.

Committee Report:

None

Friends of the Library Report:

None

Executive Session:

Board adjourned at 7:14 p.m. to executive session for the purposes of discussion on director salary for coming fiscal year and fee for building consultant Rich Benanti for remodel services. Motion to adjourn to executive session by Rose and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Approved by roll call 6-0. Motion to return to open session at 7:37 p.m. by Allicent and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Approved by roll call 6-0.

Motion to approve 6% salary increase for FY 23-24 for Director Jeanine Benanti by Allicent and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie. Approved by roll call voice 6-0.

Motion to approve \$8,000 for Rich Benanti for services rendered for the West Sangamon Public Library District remodel by Jen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rose. Approved by roll call 6-0.

Old Business:

Review of events sponsored by library by Allicent Smith. Discussion of another series of 3 events in the fall and/or spring. Future ideas include identity protection, senior/adult fraud, cyber bullying, senior travel, travel tips.

New Business:

Discussion of 'grand re-opening' to show off the remodel. Staff suggestions include a giveaway magnet, pens, cookies. Maybe offer tours of the new space?

Next meeting is July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned 7:56 p.m. Motion by Debbie and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda. Approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, board secretary