

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting
April 19, 2022

Board President Mary Postlewait called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Director Donna Techau and Board Trustees Bill Gallagher, Erin Kindred, Connie Kinsella, Jerry Watzlawick, and Kenneth Wright were present. Trustee Jill Lawson was absent.

Bill Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Mary Postlewait, to approve the consent agenda. All trustees voted aye.

In old business, Director Techau reported that the technology upgrade is completed. The Patron Code of Conduct was reviewed by an attorney, and a few minor edits were recommended and made. Director Techau contacted several community businesses to poll their interest in the AtoZ Database discussed at the March meeting. Consensus was that they would not likely utilize it, so the library will not be subscribing. A new TV was installed in the board room. An anonymous donor has offered to pay up to \$2100 to cover a portion of the cost of cabinets to be installed in the board room. Director Techau received an estimate for custom cabinets and presented it to the board. The board also reviewed 3 estimates for repaving of the parking lot.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion, seconded by Bill Gallagher, to approve the Patron Code of Conduct as presented with final revisions. All trustees voted aye.

Erin Kindred made a motion, seconded by Ken Wright, to approve the purchase and installation of new cabinets for the south wall of the board room up to an amount of \$5000. All trustees voted aye by a roll call vote.

Jerry Watzlawick made a motion, seconded by Bill Gallagher, to approve the repaving of the parking lot at the cost of \$13,440, which was the lowest of three estimates received. All trustees voted aye by a roll call vote.

In new business, clerk RuthAnn Larson is quitting at the end of April. It is not necessary at this time to hire a new staff member until August or September because hours can be covered by existing staff. The library is going to collaborate with Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSD) of Piatt County to send out mailers to the residents of Bement and Ivesdale notifying them of activities offered by the library. ROSC will help by providing transportation and other services to assist families in being able to attend these activities. The board had a discussion about current COVID-related sick pay. Director Techau provided samples of different bereavement policies for the board to read and will discuss at the next meeting.

Connie Kinsella made a motion, seconded by Ken Wright, to discontinue COVID-related sick pay. All trustees voted aye.

At 6:22 pm, Bill Gallagher moved to adjourn. Jerry Watzlawick seconded the motion, and all trustees voted aye. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022 at the library.

Connie Kinsella, Board Secretary

