

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS  
HELD MARCH 16, 2023  
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois was held in the Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room, 300 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Robert Kalnicky.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by recorder, Juanita Lennon, and a quorum was established.

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Celeste Bermejo, Kathryn Spindel, Bobby Armstrong, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, and Robert Kalnicky.

ABSENT

Trustee Marcelo Valencia joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills and Juanita Lennon.

Nathan Peddicord was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett and Jennie Mills.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Kalnicky asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Spindel, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Valencia

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – February 16, 2023

The minutes of the board meeting held February 16, 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Valencia

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett reported that the Friends opened the Book Cellar during the Studio 300 Anniversary Celebration. Sales went well that day. The Friends have received several new memberships and also many member renewals. Hargett reported that about 40 percent of the free book coupon prizes for the Winter reading program were claimed. Lastly, the Spring Booksale will take place April 14-16.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP Proposal for Audit Services

Lauterbach & Amen’s audit services proposal met all of our request for proposal requirements and was the lowest cost. Mills reported that the District has also worked with them in the past for audit services, and they currently provide other services as well.

President Kalnicky noted that the Community Service Council, where he serves as the Executive Director, also uses Lauterbach & Amen for audit services.

A motion to approve the Lauterbach & Amen, LLP proposal for audit services was made by Spindel, seconded by Bermejo.

AYES: Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Valencia

Approval of Revised Education Assistance Section of the Employee Handbook

A motion to repeal the existing Education Assistance section of the Employee Handbook and approve the revised Education Assistance section of the Employee Handbook was made by Spindel, seconded by Alam.

AYES: Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Valencia

Approval of Revised Appearance and Dress Code Policy Section of the Employee Handbook

A motion to repeal revised Appearance and Dress Code Policy section of the Employee Handbook and approve the revised Appearance and Dress Code Policy section of the Employee Handbook was made by Armstrong, seconded by Spindel.

AYES: Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Valencia

LIBRARY PROJECTS

The replacement outdoor light fixtures are en route to Jasco, and installation will begin soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Bolingbrook Arts Council sent an invite for the Board and staff to sign up for the Bolingbrook Mosaic Days, April 3-7.

Trustee Valencia entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for February, 2023 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – March, 2023

Bills paid for the month of March in the amount of \$48,176.60 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded Siska.

AYES: Valencia, Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – March, 2023

Bills payable for the month of March in the amount of \$534,500.74 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Siska, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Valencia, Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – February, 2023

Mills discussed the results of the NIMEC bid and that the District elected to choose the two-year term.

Mills reminded the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interest form, which is due by May 1.

Mills discussed that the Pinnacle Library Cooperative will be looking at options for creating a space for items in the collection that would create a deeper and richer catalog for patrons of all Pinnacle libraries. This is part of the strategic plan for the Cooperative.

Mills noted that early voting for all Will County residents begins on Monday, March 20 in Meeting Room B.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – None.

Finance – None.

Strategic Plan – None.

Internal Board Operations – None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Trustee Siska inquired about the space audit that was recently conducted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Best of Bolingbrook Businesses Awards (BOBB) Awards will take place on Thursday, April 6.

St. Dominic’s Church is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m.

The Bolingbrook Lions Club is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Trustee Alam reminded the Board that Ramadan will start on March 22 and continue through April 21.

Trustee Spindel thanked Trustee Alam for the use of his photobooth services at the Lions’ Club St. Patrick’s Day event.

Trustee Valencia shared that some of Valencia Boxing boxers will be competing in the Golden Gloves Tournament.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. was made by Bermejo, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Valencia, Bermejo, Spindel, Armstrong, Siska, Alam, Kalnicky

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

/s/ Marcelo Valencia  
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees  
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/s/ Robert A. Kalnicky  
President, Board of Library Trustees  
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