

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD MARCH 21, 2024
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 21, 2024 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Celeste Bermejo.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Bobby Armstrong, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

Trustee Marcelo Valencia

Trustee Valencia was unable to attend the meeting due to an out of town commitment.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

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

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills, Ron McGrath and John O'Driscoll.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – February 15, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held February 15, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daunis, seconded by Spindel. Minutes were approved as read.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett reported that the Friends are getting ready for the Spring Booksale. The Friends have been receiving wonderful book donations. So far, the Book Cellar has redeemed 74 free children’s book coupons from the Winter Reading program. At the Spring Booksale, the rarer books that were previously sold on eBay will now be sold separately at the pre-sale on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Czervik Construction Bid for Third Floor Interior Renovations Project

Ron McGrath from Tria Architecture presented the Board with a revised recommendation that Czaervik Construction is the lowest responsible bidder for this project.

A motion to amend the prior award bid to Blue Reef LLC for the Third Floor Interior Renovations Project by rejecting the Blue Reef LLC bid and to approve the Czervik Construction bid for the Third Floor Interior Renovations Project was made by Spindel, seconded by Alam.

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

Approval of Revised Social Media and Comment Policy

Mills discussed the proposed revisions to the Social Media and Comment Policy. Mills noted that he and Communications Manager Melissa Bradley worked on it and incorporated the recommendations of the library’s attorney.

A motion to repeal the existing Social Media and Comment Policy and approve the revised Social Media and Comment Policy was made by Armstrong, seconded by Daunis.

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

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that the Red Feather Group is working on obtaining a permit from the Village of Bolingbrook to begin work on the interior staff lighting project.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for February, 2024 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – March, 2024

Bills paid for the month of March in the amount of \$420,924.91 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Alam, seconded by Siska.

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

Bills Payable Report – March 21, 2024

Bills payable for the month of March in the amount of \$263,537.66 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Armstrong, seconded by Siska.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – February, 2024

The Board received invitations to the Kids Startup Marketplace event on Saturday, April 20.

Mills was recently invited by the Mayor to the breakfast welcome for Kenneth Rose, the new CEO of UChicago Medicine/Advent Health Hospital Bolingbrook.

Our first election as an Election Center (a place where any Will County voter may vote on Election Day) is done and everything went well. 1,693 early votes were cast this month, and 277 votes were cast on Election Day. Our busiest day was Monday, March 18 with 377 votes cast.

The library received five responses for the copiers and printer RFP. The responses are being reviewed and a recommendation will be brought to the April Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – None.

Finance – The liaisons met prior to the Board Meeting this evening. The new finance software and reports were discussed and reviewed.

Strategic Plan – None.

Internal Board Operations – None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bolingbrook Rotary Mac & Cheese event held on March 9 was very successful.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

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

/s/ Robert Armstrong
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
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/s/ Celeste M. Bermejo
President, Board of Library Trustees
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