

LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 6, 2002

Trustees present: Fulmer, Ward, Dunstone, Spadafore, Spado, and Berryhill.

Excused: Alessio.

Staff: Nottingham, Director, and Morgan, Clerk to the Board.

Others: staff, Edwin Acevedo, reporter for the Post Standard.

Regular Meeting

Call to order

President Fulmer opened the Board meeting officially at 6:00 p.m. with a call for an executive session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for position of attorney to the library. Dunstone moved and Spadafore seconded to enter into executive session for the purpose stated by Fulmer. All were in favor.

Spado moved and Spadafore seconded to leave executive session at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Board resumed its regular meeting. All were in favor.

Salutation to the United States Flag

Open Forum

- Nottingham introduced Jean Armour Polly, new Administrator for Systems and Technology. Polly had previously worked at the library nearly 10 years ago, and is currently filling a Librarian III position. The Board welcomed Polly back.
- Dailey reminded the Board of events planned during National Library Week in April and Black History Month in February.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of January 2, 2002, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - Approval of Monthly Bills for 1/3/02, 1/10/02, 1/16/02, 1/25/02, and 1/31/02
- Ward moved and Spadafore seconded to approve the items under Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Reports to the Board

Treasurer's report

Dunstone reported on the library's financial status. The Board received copies of the November Revenue and Expenditure Report.

President's report

No report.

Director's report

- January's monthly statistical report showed an increase in circulation, registrations and reference. The Board expressed its appreciation to the staff for all their hard work.
- update on the proposed building project
- discussion of the dramatic increase in employers' state retirement expenses a change from .04%

in previous years to 4% currently.

OCPL & Advisory Board

Search committee news:

OCPL Board is still involved in the search for the director position.

Items for discussion and action

Coffee in the library

Dailey informed the Board that a staff committee has been meeting to discuss allowing beverage in the library. Discussion followed. Ward made a motion and Spado seconded to suspend rule #7 in the library's Patron Code of Conduct that prohibits consumption of food or beverages except in areas designated by the Director. The suspension is for one month.

On the motion: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

At the March Board meeting, the Board will ask Nottingham to report on the pros and cons of allowing food and drink in the library.

Board Forum

- Ward attended the Drop In Mother Goose Program with her grandson. She expressed her thanks to the library staff for a wonderful and very well received program.

Executive Session

Fulmer stated that the Board has need to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the attorney interviews, specific personnel issues, contract negotiations, and legal matters with possible action to follow.

Ward moved and Spado seconded to enter into executive session for the purposes stated by Fulmer.

All were in favor. An executive session was declared at 8:40 pm.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:00 pm.

Spado moved and Berryhill seconded to change the employee contributions for health insurance for fiscal year 2002/03 effective July 1, 2002. The premium for individuals will change from 95% to 90% and family coverage will change from 90% to 85%.

On the motion: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried

Ward moved and Berryhill seconded to appoint Mark Grobosky as general counsel to the library.

On the motion: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried

Spado moved and Ward seconded to appoint Ben Ferrara as special counsel to the library for labor relations and personnel.

On the motion: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried

Berryhill moved and Ward seconded to hire John Shehadi as bonding agent for the library as required by State Education Law.

On the motion: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried

The Board was in agreement that the overall increase in the tax levy for the 2002/03 budget should be under 7% with expenditures at 6.5% or lower.

Adjournment

Spado moved and Dunstone seconded the Board adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Fulmer adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Morgan

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Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Next Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2001 at 7:00 pm
Public Information Meeting at 6:30 pm