

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomington Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
June 9, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Ford at 7:05pm. She announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were Trustees Elizabeth Ford, Karen Kirby, Deanne Martini, Andrea Albrecht and Mary Ellen Garrity. Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director), and Evelyn Schubert (Council Liaison). Trustees Kelly Graziano Robert Bloodgood was excused.

Public Comment – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Jennifer Hagin, seconded by Karen Kirby. The Bloomington Foundation for Literacy had a presentation where Jason Fleming and Angel Eng were awarded the Jo-Ann Crawford Memorial Scholarship. Patricia Perugino presented the Scholarships to the students, as a representative of the Foundation. A motion to close was made by Deanne Martini, seconded by Jennifer Hagin. All trustees were in favor.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Deanne Martini, seconded by Karen Kirby. All trustees were in favor.

Treasurer's Report / State Aid Report – The report for May was presented by Karen Kirby.

Purchase Order/Budget Report - The reports for May were presented by Allie DeCesare.

A roll call vote was called by Elizabeth Ford, seconded by Jennifer Hagin to approve the Treasurer's Report, the State Aid Report, Purchase Order Report, and the Budget Report. In a roll call vote all Trustees were in favor.

Collection Statistics/ Director's Report - The report for May was presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Jennifer Hagin, seconded by Mary Ellen Garrity. In a voice call vote all trustees were in favor.

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Committee Reports:

Budget Committee – No report

Policies and Procedures Committee – No report

Public Relations Committee – No report.

Grants and Funding Committee – No report

Board of Education Committee – Andrea Albrecht spoke about including a paper Summer Reading Flyer as well as a digital to hand out to students before the end of the school year.

Literacy Foundation – No report.

Unfinished Business and General Orders –

Strategic Planning- Elizabeth Ford informed the Board of the trends that were evident from the previous session's workshop on updating the mission statement for the library. There were many common themes among the answers- including community engagement, information accessibility, and literacy initiatives. The next part of the project will be compiling mission statement samples for the Board to vote on.

New Business –

Allie DeCesare brought up using Constant Contact or other similar software for emailing newsletters and communication with patrons. She was advised to put together some information for the next meeting.

Public Session – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:08pm by Karen Kirby, seconded by Elizabeth Ford. A motion was made to close Public Session by Jenniffer Hagin, seconded by Deanne Martini. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20pm by Karen Kirby seconded by Andrea Albrecht. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Alexandra DeCesare