

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Bloomingdale Free Public Library
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
December 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Robert Bloodgood at 7:05pm. He announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were Trustees Robert Bloodgood, Jennifer Ellis, Karen Kirby, Thomas Kroncke, Karen Peterson, Ed Simoni, and Debbie Sondermeyer. Also in attendance was Patti Perugino (Library Director), and Allie DeCesare (2024 Library Director). Kelly Graziano was excused.

Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ed Simoni, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. All trustees were in favor. Robert Bloodgood and Debbie Sondermeyer abstained.

Public Comment – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Karen Peterson. With no member of the public coming forth a motion to close was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Karen Peterson. All trustees were in favor.

Treasurer’s Report / State Aid Report – The reports for November were presented by Karen Kirby. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Purchase Order Report / Budget Report – The reports for November were presented by Patti Perugino. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Collection Statistics Report - The report for November was presented by Patti Perugino. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Karen Kirby. In a voice call vote all trustees were in favor.

Library Director’s Report, Children’s Program Report, Adult Program Report, Literacy Program Report – The reports were presented by Patti Perugino. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Karen Kirby. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

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Committee Reports:

Budget Committee – Patti Perugino reported that the committee may meet the week of 12/18.

Policies and Procedures Committee – No Report

Public Relations Committee – No report

Grants and Funding Committee – Patti Perugino reported that there are 2 pending grants.

Board of Education Committee – No report

Literacy Foundation – No Report

Unfinished Business and General Orders – First Amendment Audit – update – Patti Perugino and staff met with the chief of police and there will be an upcoming meeting. See MEL Safety Institute Bulletin.

Nominations for Executive Board – Nominations will be made at the January meeting.

New Business – 1. 2024 Pals Plus Voting Rep & Alternate Resolution - A motion to have Allie DeCesare as Voting Rep and Barbara Licitra as Alternate was made by Thomas Kroncke and seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. In a roll call vote all Trustees were in favor.

2. Delayed opening (11:00am) on Tuesday January 9, 2024 for First Amendment Audits seminar provided by Borough Attorney – A motion to approve the delayed opening was made by Thomas Kroncke and seconded by Ed Simoni. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

Public Session – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:14pm by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. With no member of the public coming forward, a motion was made to close Public Session was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Debbie Sondermeyer. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:15pm by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Thomas Kroncke. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Thomas Kroncke