

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Bloomingdale Free Public Library  
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees  
September 9, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Simoni at 7:15pm. He announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were Trustees Robert Bloodgood, Jennifer Ellis, Kelly Graziano, Karen Kirby, Thomas Kroncke, Ed Simoni, Debbie Sondermeyer, and Patrick Thornton. Also in attendance was Alexandra DeCesare (Library Director), and Evelyn Schubert (Council Liaison). Elizabeth Ford was excused.

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

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

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

**Purchase Order Report -**

The report for July was presented by Allie DeCesare. 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 / Budget Report -** The reports for July were presented by Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Jennifer Ellis. 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 Allie DeCesare. A motion to approve the reports was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Jennifer Ellis. In a voice 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** – No Report  
**Literacy Foundation** – No Report

**Unfinished Business and General Orders** – None

**New Business** – 1. Allie DeCesare discussed the “unaccompanied minors policy” proposal. 2. A motion to close the Library on September 21 because of “Bloomingtondale Celebration Day” was made by Thomas Kroncke and seconded by Karen Kirby. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor. 3. Ed Simoni reported that the Bloomingtondale Board of Education will make a proposal to the Bloomingtondale Planning Board (on September 25) concerning; but, not limited to the closure of the Donald School, adding to the Bergen School which could include an annex for a Library. These proposals may be included on the November ballot.

**Public Session** – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:26pm by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Robert Bloodgood. With no member of the public coming forward, a motion was made to close Public Session was made by Thomas Kroncke, seconded by Robert Bloodgood. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:27pm by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Thomas Kroncke. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

Submitted by Thomas Kroncke