

IOSCO-ARENAC DISTRICT LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Place: Iosco-Arenac District Library Administrative Headquarters

Date: August 1, 2023

Present: Phyllis Klender, Rick Rockwell, Susan Synowiec, Linda Eyer, Dan Stock, Thelma Van Brenk, Jennifer Donner and Diane Bushman

Absent: Jerry Brown and Sue Kingsbury

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rockwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Eyer moved and Klender seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND BOARD COMMENTS

Carl Medwedeff and John Cargo, Technology Coordinator, were present. Medwedeff said that he would like to see the District purchase upgraded public computers and larger monitors with higher resolutions. He is most interested that Macintosh computers be available. Cargo replied that the reasons that we purchase Windows-based computers are 1) our library card catalog operates only on Windows, and 2) Windows occupies most of the market share. The District's public computers are general purpose computing and there has only been one request for Macintosh computers. Medwedeff said that he feels with the advances in technology and for local children, that Macintosh computers are needed and that lower priced Macs are available. Cargo answered that he appreciates him bringing up the issue but also noted that the purchase of Mac computers would involve purchasing special software to properly operate and protect them. No Board comments.

ITEM 4. NEW BUSINESS

4A. DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Director Donner tendered her resignation as of August 31, 2023 due to personal and health reasons. Donner said that she has developed a draft job description based on the one given to her when she was hired. She feels that the salary range is fine. Rockwell said that the job has to be posted for five days and asked where the job posting would be advertised. Donner said that it can be posted on Michlib-L, our website, Facebook, at the branch libraries and with the Michigan Library Association. The posting with the MLA will cost \$140.

Eyer moved and Van Brenk to authorize the District Director to immediately post the job opening on the platforms and in the locations stated. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Brown, absent; Eyer, aye; Rockwell, aye; Synowiec, aye; Stock, aye; Kingsbury, absent; Van Brenk, aye; Klender, aye. Motion carried.

4B. DIRECTOR SEARCH AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chairperson Rockwell appointed Eyer, Van Brenk and Synowiec to the Director Search Ad hoc Committee. Eyer said that she would be willing to serve as chair of the committee. Synowiec asked about the interview process. Donner said that when she was hired she received a screening call from the previous director. She then had an interview with the Director Search Committee via Zoom. The committee gave their recommendation to the full Board which then voted to accept the committee's recommendation.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bushman
Recording Secretary