

## MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

### Oshkosh Public Library

April 27, 2023

The meeting of the Oshkosh Public Library Board of Trustees was held on April 27, 2023, in the Lower Level of the Oshkosh Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by President, Bill Bracken.

A roll call vote was taken. Present were: Bill Bracken, Kim Brown, Larry Lautenschlager, Christine Melms-Simon, Lindsey Mugerauer, Baron Perlman and Amber Shemanski. Absent were: Julie Davids, David Romond, David Rucker and Samantha Teal, Adjunct Board Member. Others present were: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Oshkosh Public Library Director; Lisa Voss, Assistant Director for Library Development; Ruth Percey, Assistant Director for Public Services; Joe Bongers, Head of Information Services; Laura McDonald, Marketing Coordinator and Tracie Schlaak, Administrative Specialist.

There were no public comments.

#### Consent Agenda Items:

- **Meeting Minutes** of the Meeting of March 30, 2023
- **Vouchers Payable** - \$437,043.12
- **2024 Reimbursement** for cross-county rural use

**Motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented with a correction to the number of counties that are part of the cross-county rural use – the agreement should indicate 5 counties participating instead of 4

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Lautenschlager; **Vote:** Unanimous

#### New Business

- **Guest:** Laura McDonald, Marketing Coordinator- Laura gave a positive report on the newsletter that goes out every month and how the click-tracking has increased significantly.
- **OPL-Winnefox Contractual Services / Compensation Agreement:** Proposed revision to end the practice of having the Oshkosh Public Library Director serve also as the Winnefox Library System Director. Proposed reduction of the scheduled compensation by Winnefox to Oshkosh Public Library for the administrative services of its Director. Revising the agreement was already approved by the Winnefox Library System Board on April 26, 2023.

**Motion** to approve the proposed changes to the Contractual and Compensation Agreements with Winnefox.

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Brown; **Vote:** Unanimous

- **Appointment of an ad hoc Director Recruitment Committee**  
Board President appointed David Rucker, Larry Lautenschlager, Barry Perlman, Amber Shemanski and Bill Bracken to this committee.

**Motion** to approve the ad hoc committee members as appointed.

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Mugerauer; **Vote:** Unanimous

- **Interim Library Director:** Director proposes appointment of Assistant Directors Ruth Percey and Lisa Voss to joint interim Library Director status until a new Library Director can be appointed.

**Motion** to appoint Ruth Percey and Lisa Voss as joint interim directors until a new director can be hired.

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Lautenschlager; **Vote:** Unanimous

- **Interim Library Director Compensation:** Director proposes increasing hourly rate of appointed Interim Director(s) by 25% above hourly rate in current position, from 6-3-2023 until the end of the pay period in which falls the start date of a newly hired Library Director.

**Motion:** To approve the suggested increase in hourly rate of the two appointed Interim Directors from 6-3-2023 until a new director is hired

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Lautenschlager; **Vote:** Unanimous

- **2024 Operating Budget Preparation Calendar:**

A special OPL Board meeting to discuss the 2024 operating budget was scheduled to be held on August 3, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

**Motion:** to approve the date of the scheduled 2024 operating budget meeting of August 3, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Lautenschlager; **Vote:** Unanimous

### **Trustee Comments**

Barry Perlman presented a statement on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees:

*With appreciation, respect and affection, the Oshkosh Public Library Board of Trustees thanks Jeff Gilderson-Duwe for your 18 years of exemplary service as director of the Oshkosh Public Library. Your effective professionalism and sheer hard work have maintained and cemented the Oshkosh Public Library as one of the city's gems. Your tireless advocacy for the freedom of ideas for the citizens of Oshkosh exemplifies your commitment to public libraries everywhere. We wish you only the best in the next chapters of your life. Bravo!*

*Library Board of Trustees  
April 27, 2023*

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** to Adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM

**Motion:** Perlman; **Second:** Lautenschlager; **Vote:** Unanimous

Respectfully,

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Secretary  
Tracie Schlaak – Recorder