

**Bradley Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – February 21, 2024
Drassler Meeting Room**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Karen Bayer, Madonna Benoit, Lucson Edme, Brandon Hawkins, Liz LaMore

Trustees Absent: Nick Allen, Ellie Rorabaugh

Also Present: Jodie DePatis, Director, Lori Gayton, Employee, Marie Cowden, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Hawkins made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Regular Board meeting and Trustee Edme seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Edme made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Executive Session and Trustee LaMore seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee LaMore made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Special Board meeting and Trustee Benoit seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Executive Session and Trustee Edme seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bradley Public Library employee, Lori Gayton distributed a letter to Trustees and discussed scheduling concerns.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF VENDOR PAYMENTS:

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and to accept Vendor Payments in the amount of \$41,463.78 for the month of January 2024. Trustee Benoit seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Programs:** The Winter Reading Program had 45 youth participants and 14 adult participants. Approximately 121 Bradley Central 6th graders came to the library for field trips. Bradley Public Library was represented at the Bradley West Parent Night on January 17 with an estimated attendance of 377. The annual Say Yes to the Prom Dress event is scheduled for March 23-24 and April 6.
- **Technology:** Director DePatis attended the Jan. 31 PrairieCat Delegates meeting via Zoom. The consortium voted to renew participation in eRead Illinois for 3 years to maintain a group discount.
- **Legal:** The Kankakee County Certificate of Exempt Status Renewal form was completed and returned.
- **Grants:** The FY2024 Per Capita Grant was completed and accepted by the Illinois State Library.
- **Building:** There was a low-pressure warning on the fire sprinkler system which turned out to be a faulty regulator. The equipment has been replaced and the system is back to normal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Statement of Economic Interests:** Trustee Bayer informed Trustees an email would be forthcoming in February or March informing them to complete Statement of Economic Interests.

- **Sec. 5, Pt 1: Employee Classification Revision**: Documentation distributed and discussed and revision was reviewed and approved by HR Source. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to approve employee classification revision and Trustee LaMore seconded. Motion carried by roll call of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees**: At 6:13 p.m. Trustee Bayer made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Trustee Benoit seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. At 6:20 p.m. President Bayer declared Executive session concluded and meeting returned to open session.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:21 p.m. Trustee Hawkins made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Edme seconded the motion and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Madonna Benoit
Secretary

Marie Cowden
Recording Secretary