

GREEN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 16, 2023
Regular Meeting

The Green Hills Public Library District Board of Trustees met at the Library on October 16, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Angelos called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were, N. Angelos, C. Barry, K. Groark, and T. Hanes.

Also present from staff were Jane Jenkins, Library Director; Sara Horn, Deputy Director, and Roberta Richter, Head of Business Services.

I. Chafee arrived at 6:09 p.m.

A. Mohammad and S. Stratakos were absent.

Angelos moved and Chafee seconded to appoint K. Groark as Treasurer Pro-Tempore. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Trustees welcomed George Roach of GW & Associates, and community members Dennis Meyer and Teri Wilson who were present as members of the Decennial Committee.

George Roach thanked the Trustees for inviting him to the meeting and explained that he is transitioning from audit work to consulting, however his company's auditor, Joseph Troyer performed this year's audit. Roach gave a summary of the balance sheet, revenue and expenses, fund balances, bond obligation, and the Library's retirement fund (IMRF). He mentioned that the Library is in a good place financially and that the bonds will be paid off in 2024, providing additional revenues for other budget items. Roach went into more detail regarding IMRF and how they determine the rates at which employers contribute. Hanes inquired as to whether the Library should revisit making additional payments to the retirement fund. Roach explained that the Library's percentage for funding is in a good place and an additional payment is not required at this time. He mentioned that the Library could consider additional funding when there is a surplus. Dennis Meyer thanked the Trustees for taking diligent care of the staff in relation to keeping the Library's benefits well-funded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hanes moved, and Barry seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 18, 2023. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Hanes moved, and Barry seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting September 18, 2023. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

OPERATING FUND TREASURER’S REPORT AND WARRANT

Groark moved, and Angelos seconded that the Operating Fund Treasurer’s Report for the month ending September 2023 be received and filed for audit, and that Operating Fund Warrant #4 for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$284,956.35 be approved and authorized for disbursement. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Angelos asked the Trustees to view the two choices in sample murals provided by artist Sonata Kazimieraitiene. Jenkins explained the difference between the two murals and that the mural would be painted on the wall in the Screen Porch Room. The Trustees shared their input and preferences and along with the staff preferences, it was decided to choose the “Interconnected” mural.

Angelos thanked everyone who attended Steve Culen’s Trustee retirement dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from guests.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Jenkins talked about the current phase in the building painting project. The painters are freshening up areas throughout the patron side of the Library. In the next phase, the painters will be focusing on staff and behind the scenes areas.

Jenkins noted that she had hoped for more attendance for the legislative meet and greet. Hanes was in attendance, and he was grateful to have the time with his legislator. Jenkins is considering the idea of partnering with Strange Brew to host this event next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

23-10-36 Hanes moved, and Groark seconded to approve Ordinance #1225 2023/2024 Tax Levy. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

23-10-37 Groark moved, and Angelos seconded to amend the fiscal year on the action item from 2023/2024 to 2022/2023 and accept the fiscal year 2023/2024 annual financial report presented by GW & Associates. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

23-10-38 Chafee moved, and Angelos seconded to amend the General Policy Manual: Circulation Structure and Fees to rename Hot *Books* to Hot *Items*. Upon a voice vote, all Trustees present voted “aye.” Motion carried.

23-10-39 Barry moved, and Angelos seconded to approve discharge of debt for GHPLD cardholders who are inactive for eight or more years. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted "aye." Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Angelos adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by,



Roberta Richter, Recording Secretary