

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD OCTOBER 17, 2024
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library District, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois was held in the Margaret J. "Peggy" Danhof Board Room, 300 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, Illinois on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Celeste Bermejo.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by recorder, Juanita Lennon, and a quorum was established.

PRESENT

Present at roll call were Bobby Armstrong, Marcelo Valencia, Kathryn Spindel, Sarah Siska, Meraj Alam, Jim Daunis Jr. and Celeste Bermejo.

ABSENT

None.

FOUNTAINDALE STAFF PRESENT

The following staff was present: Paul Mills and Juanita Lennon.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

The following public was present: Jody Hargett, Jennie Mills and Bill Rieser.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bermejo asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – September 19, 2024

The minutes of the Public Hearing held September 19, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Daunis. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – September 19, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held September 19, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were made.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett provided an update for the Board. Hargett reported that changes to the logistics of the Book Sale proved to work very well, including opening earlier on Friday afternoon and establishing a separate entrance and exit doors. People started lining up around 2 p.m. on Friday to enter the sale.

Hargett also reported that 46 Summer Adventure free book vouchers for adults have been redeemed. Since the Book Cellar will be closed on Halloween, the voucher expiration date has been extended from October 31 to November 10.

Bill Rieser, Treasurer of the Friends distributed the Friends' Fall Book Sale Report. Rieser noticed that once again resellers were present at the early access sale on Friday afternoon. The grand total was nearly \$3,500, which was nearly \$500 more than last year's Fall Book Sale.

Lastly, Rieser extended thanks to Tasos Priovolos and his team for their assistance loading seven pallets of items for sale to Meeting Room A.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Ordinance 2024-4 – Ordinance to Levy an Additional Tax of .02% for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-4 – Ordinance to levy an additional tax of .02% for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of Resolution 2024-5 – Truth in Taxation Law Resolution

A motion to approve Resolution 2024-5 – Truth in Taxation Law Resolution was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of 2025 Fountaindale Public Library District Closing Schedule

A motion to approve the 2025 Fountaindale Public Library District Closing Schedule was made by Siska, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of 2025 Staff In-Service Day Closings

A motion to approve closing the library on Friday, February 28, 2025 and Friday, August 1, 2025 for Staff In-Service days was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of 2025 Fountaindale Public Library District Board Meeting Schedule

The proposed board meeting schedule is a regular meeting every third Thursday of the month with one exception in April 2025. Due to the Easter holiday week, the meeting will held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6 p.m.

A motion to approve the 2025 Fountaindale Public Library District Board Meeting Schedule was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of Revised Local History Room Policy

The revised Local History Room Policy has been updated to fit the size and services of the new Local History Room.

A motion to repeal the existing Local History Room Policy and approve the revised Local History Room Policy was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Approval of Request for Trustees to Attend 2025 American Library Association LibLearnX Conference: January 24-27, 2025 – Phoenix, AZ

A motion to approve the request for Trustees to attend the 2025 American Library Association LibLearnX Conference on January 24-27, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona was made by Alam, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Review of Illinois Library Association’s Serving Our Public 4.0

The Board reviewed Illinois Library Association’s Serving Our Public 4.0. Executive Director Mills confirmed that the Management Team has reviewed the checklists at the end of each chapter.

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Mills reported that the parking lot project and the new monument sign project are both continuing along in the design phase. is still ongoing. The security camera upgrade is nearly completed.

Tasos Priovolos and architect Ron McGrath ran through the punchlist for the 3rd floor renovations. The completion of the Hargett Quiet Reading Room is our priority for our patrons.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for September, 2024 was presented by Treasurer Spindel and will be filed for audit.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – October, 2024

Bills paid for the month of October in the amount of \$64,702.14 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – October, 2024

Bills payable for the month of October in the amount of \$270,271.98 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Spindel, seconded by Valencia.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – September, 2024

Mills reported that we are still working on ways to make the Director's Report more accessible. Mills attended the recent LIRA meeting and discussed the 2025 calendar year and will provide more information next month.

Mills also reported that early voting for Will County begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 21 in Meeting Room A.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building – None.

Finance – None.

Strategic Plan – None.

Internal Board Operations – None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mills shared that Library Journal's Day of Dialog free virtual event is on Thursday, October 24.

President Bermejo shared that Kids Empire is hosting a ribbon cutting/grand opening celebration on Tuesday, November 5 at 5 p.m.

Trustee Armstrong shared that the library's Star Wars Day celebration is on Saturday, November 9.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. was made by Valencia, seconded by Alam.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

/s/ Robert Armstrong
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
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/s/ Celeste M. Bermejo
President, Board of Library Trustees
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