

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE FOUNTAINDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WILL AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
HELD DECEMBER 19, 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, December 19, 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, Juanita Lennon, Julie Walker, Jennifer Fredrick, Nicholas Mitchel, Christina Theobald and Carolyn Boyer.

Nancy Korczak was present online.

PUBLIC PRESENT

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – November 21, 2024

The minutes of the board meeting held November 21, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Spindel, seconded by Armstrong. Minutes were approved as read.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

President Bermejo recognized Julie Walker, Jennifer Fredrick and Nicholas Mitchel each for their five years of service and presented them with an award and certificate. The Board congratulated each staff member.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jody Hargett updated the Board. Donations for the Friends have been down most likely due to holiday shopping. On January 21, the Friends will host a pop-up cookbook sale to coincide with the Chef Maddox cooking program that evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2025 Per Capita Grant Application

Mills reported that if the grant application is approved, the funds would be used to expand access to electronic resources.

A motion to approve the 2025 Illinois Per Capita Grant application was made by Valencia, seconded by Spindel.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Revised Computer Use Policy

Mills reported that this draft policy revision is intended to streamline access to public computing for patrons.

A motion to repeal the existing Computer Use Policy and approve the revised Computer Use Policy was made by Valencia, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Revised Identity Protection Policy

Mills reported that the library's attorney had several minor improvements to this policy and they were incorporated.

A motion to repeal the existing Identity Protection Policy and approve the revised Identity Protection Policy was made by Valencia, seconded by Daunis.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between Fountaindale Public Library and Will County Clerk Regarding Early Voting Location for 2025 Consolidated Election

Mills reported that this draft agreement would cover the Spring 2025 Consolidated Election.

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Fountaindale Public Library District and the Will County Clerk regarding the early voting location for the 2025 Consolidated Election was made by Spindel, seconded by Siska.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

LIBRARY PROJECTS

Executive Director Mills reported that all the renovated 3rd floor rooms are now open. The interior lighting project is still ongoing and will resume in January. The parking lot project is slated to begin in the spring.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a Happy Holidays card from Tria Architecture.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Bills Paid Report – December, 2024

Bills paid for the month of December in the amount of \$71,221.88 were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Armstrong.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

Bills Payable Report – December, 2024

Bills payable for the month of December in the amount of \$270,679.97 was presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Daunis, seconded by Alam.

AYES: Armstrong, Valencia, Spindel, Siska, Alam, Daunis, Bermejo

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – November, 2024

Executive Director Mills shared that he and the Shorewood-Troy Public Library's Director attended an event for State Senator Meg Loughran Cappel. Mills reported that they will both meet with the Senator in the New Year to discuss library funding.

Mills reported on several ongoing tax appeals involving the Promenade and the Citgo Refinery.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is coming to Will County. Will County Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant and the Will County Center for Economic Development recently announced a partnership with the Dollywood Foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Building

None.

Finance

None.

Strategic Plan

None.

Internal Board Operations

None.

AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Valencia announced that his mother recently celebrated her 86th birthday.

The State of the Village will be held on February 13 at the Bolingbrook Golf Club.

The annual Santa Send-off event will take place on Friday, December 20. The library will be one of the stops. Take-it and make-it crafts will be available outside the library.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 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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