

Franklin Park Public Library District
Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2025

The Board meeting was called to order by Board President Grieashamer at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Betsy Chaidez, Kay Frey, Frank Grieashamer, Jeremy Mazur (arrived at 7:03 PM), Michael Vallone

Board members absent: Tina Hagerstrom, Teresita Zaretsky

Staff members present: Vanessa Morrison, Executive Director; Marcin Wrobel, Assistant Director

Also present: Kelly Zabinski, Accounting Consultant

Public Comment None.

Disposition of Minutes

Vallone moved and Frey seconded that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 10, 2024, be approved. Motion #1 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0.

Grieashamer moved and Frey seconded that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting – Truth in Taxation Hearing of December 10, 2024 be tabled until the next meeting so corrections can be made. Motion #2 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0.

Financial Reports and Approval of Expenditures

Vallone read the financial reports. Vallone moved and Frey seconded that checks #5323 through #5383 from Wintrust Bank Checking and 12 direct debits were issued in the month of December totaling \$101,957.22. Payroll checks in the amount of \$67,872.97 with \$24,605.80 in taxes and \$1,938.22 in other withholdings were issued in December. In December, IMRF payments were made in the amount of \$4,860.04. The warrant shows a total disbursement for operations of \$201,234.25. Motion #3 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye. Nay – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0.

Communications None.

Committee Reports None.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

Morrison's written report to the Board was included in the Board packet along with Circulation Services, Public Services, Technical Services, and Youth Services department reports.

Unfinished Business

Planning & Grants

Chapters 7-13 of *Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries* were reviewed and discussed at the meeting.

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Several possible grant resources were also discussed.

Annex

There was no report.

Taxing Issue

There was no report.

Policy Discussion

There was no report.

New Business

Nonresident Library Card Program Participation

Chaidez moved and Mazur seconded continuing our participation in the Illinois State Nonresident Library Card Program. Motion #4 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0.

Insurance Renewal

Morrison answered questions about the Library's various insurance policies.

Public Library Information

Fact sheets about public libraries and our impact produced by RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System) and the Illinois Library Association (ILA) were introduced.

Library Grounds Discussion

Options for the Library's grounds were discussed.

Closed/Executive Session

Mazur moved and Frey seconded going to Closed Session to discuss "Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)." Motion #5 carried. Chaidez – Aye, Frey – Aye, Grieashamer – Aye, Mazur – Aye, Vallone – Aye. Nay – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0.

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:33 PM. The Board exited Closed Session at 8:44 PM.

President Grieashamer noted that all Board members were still present along with Executive Director Morrison and Assistant Director Wrobel. No action was taken during Closed Session.

Adjournment

Chaidez moved and Mazur seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion #6 carried. Voice vote: Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Absent – 2, Abstain – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.