

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Hoyle at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present in person: Trustees Ashok Dhiman, Lauren Dixon, Ben Hoyle, Ken Johnson, Sharon Karpriel and Natalie Valenti. Absent: Trustee Kory Atkinson. Also Present: Director Timothy Jarzemsky and Dr. Jon Bartelt, School District 13 Superintendent.

**III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS**

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The September Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trustee Dixon moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded **the motion**, that the agenda of the September 11, 2024 Regular Library Board meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Valenti moved, and Trustee Karpriel seconded **the motion**, that the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the payment of bills for the month of September 2024, in the amount of \$74,944.55 and the transfer of approximately \$235,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpriel, Johnson, Hoyle, Dixon and Valenti. Absent: Trustee Kory Atkinson.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 13 REFERENDUM**

School District 13 will have two referendum questions on the upcoming election ballot in November. The goal of the referendums if successfully passed is to comply with the State of IL's mandate for full day kindergarten, fixing aging infrastructure such as the Westfield fifty-year-old gym and to give their students 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environments. The full day kindergarten is required to be in place by 2027 per IL State Law. The District looked into many options. The referendum seeks a \$29.7 million dollar bond, this will on average cost the taxpayer an additional \$698.00 per year. The \$2 million limiting rate question would fund teachers and support staff to be able to operate full day kindergarten and educate students at every level, without this, they will have to increase class sizes to comply with the state's mandate.

**Removal from Roll: Dr. Jon Bartelt, School District 13 Superintendent, left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.**

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of August. The Ice Cream Social wrapped up our 2024 Summer Reading Program. We had roughly 1,200-1,300 people in attendance. We had sunny weather and a very successful event. The rain held off until right after the event ended. We had many activities for patrons to enjoy; games/prizes, rides, bounce house, food truck, face painting, balloon artists, kids play area, DJ, popcorn, iced coffee, photo booth and ice cream. Thanks to the Village for co-sponsoring, as well as the Police Department, and the Fire Protection District for participating. A big thanks to the Public Works crews that helped with set-up/tear-down. The Friends of the Bloomingdale Library is a huge part of our Summer Reading program as they provide t-shirts and prizes for participants. The Ice Cream Social is co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale and we appreciate their support. The Summer Concert Series wrapped up in August; three concerts were held in June 14, July 12 & August 9 from 12-1 p.m., total attendance for all three concerts were 428. Summer Concerts are held in front of the library in the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden. Popcorn, water, and ice cream will be available for purchase from the Friends of the Library, along with some fun giveaways. Patrons also had a chance to win a grand prize by attending all 3 summer concerts by getting their grand prize entry sheet stamped at each one to be entered into the grand prize drawing after the final concert in August. Thank you to Enzo's Sports Bar & Wood-Fire Pizza, Face Reflections, Anyways Pub and Sporty's Restaurant & Catering for their generous donations.

### **MONTHLY STATISTICS**

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of August. Total circulation for the month of August was 22,010. This includes 2,742 items checked out by patrons from other libraries. Library Circulation staff processed 2,758 outgoing items to send to other libraries via the RAILS delivery service.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**PERSONNEL** – No report.

**POLICY** – No report.

**FINANCE** – No report.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – The bid ran in the Daily Herald and the pre-bid meeting took place on Monday, 9/9. The bid opening is Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

## VII. REPORTS (Continued)

### LIAISON REPORTS

**SWAN/RAILS** – Attachment E shows a data study of the impact of libraries. U.S. Public Libraries have an estimated 173,143,919 registered cardholders and Amazon has 153 million Prime members in the United States. U.S. libraries circulate 8.5 millions items per day. 20,350,401 people visit IL public libraries each year compared to 8,063,235 visits to IL collegiate and professional sports events. In 2021 study, IL had roughly 10,110 librarians, they compared that to other professions such as dentist (9,500), barbers (600), pilots (6,400), etc.

**VILLAGE** – Vice President Valenti gave a verbal update on the Village of Bloomingdale.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** – Attachment F shows the Friends activity for the month including their income from the perpetual book sale, BSN online profit and their 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**BIG** – No report.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### TENTATIVE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The survey was up for roughly three weeks. Overall, the tentative results were excellent. This survey will be used as a tool to help with our Long Range plan and customer service at the Library. The results will be post publicly in some format in the near future; Trustee Dhiman will assist Director Jarzemsky and Sean Luster, Computer Service Department Head with this process of compiling the information.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PROCLAMATION

The Board reviewed the Friends of the Library Proclamation. Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the Friends of the Library Proclamation as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Dixon and Valenti. Absent: Trustee Kory Atkinson. The Village of Bloomingdale also approved a similar proclamation that was presented to the Friends at a recent Board meeting. Director Jarzemsky will present this proclamation at the upcoming Friends 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Character Counts! Day- October 1<sup>st</sup>, is Bloomingdale Character Counts Day. There is a celebration on October 1<sup>st</sup> at night, anyone is able to attend. We support this cause and Kandy Jones, School Liaison is heavily involved on the committee, and we thank her for efforts.

Staff In-Service Day 2024- The Board is invited to attend the Staff In-Service Day on September 27<sup>th</sup>, an email will be sent.

Board Craft- Attachment L is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual board craft. We will try to continue this new tradition annually, updates will be provided via email.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion** to adjourn the September 11, 2024 Library Board meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

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Secretary

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President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)