

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2019**



CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rob Allen called to order the regular meeting of the Pierce County Rural Library District Board of Trustees at 3:30 pm. Board members present were Donna Albers, Daren Jones, Monica Butler and Pat Jenkins.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2019, Regular Meeting
2. March 2019 Payroll, Benefits and Vouchers totaling \$2,589,995.23
3. Future Libraries Public Engagement Contract

Ms. Albers moved for approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it was passed.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Butler commented on a recent article about children reading, and being read to by librarians, at a laundromat and how it reminded her of the interesting things libraries do to support literacy.

ROUTINE REPORTS

Metrics Dashboard – Ms. Albers appreciated how the new dashboard provides more information to better understand the Library.

Executive Director Report – Ms. Lomax thanked Foundation Director Dean Carrell for leading the efforts around Pierce County Library System’s participation in today’s Library Giving Day. Over 200 library systems nationwide joined the event. Mr. Carrell noted the Library’s goal was to raise \$20,000. As of the meeting, donations received were over \$25,000. He thanked the Board and the Communications department for their support in this effort.

Customer Experience Director Jaime Prothro introduced Blythe Summers who joined the Library in a new position as the first Learning Initiative Manager, which will support the strategic framework’s focus area on learning.

Branch Services Report – Chair Allen appreciated reading about customers who shared their appreciation of the Library.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Vacancy Process – Ms. Lomax reported there has been strong interest so far and she invited the trustees to share the applications within their networks. She presented a draft outline for the interview process based on last month’s discussion and will work with the interview panel to finalize the process.

Future Libraries – BERK Consulting, Inc. was selected to provide expertise on the public engagement process to consider potential new libraries. The planning timeline and activities are being developed.

The Request for Qualifications for the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study has closed and interviews will be conducted next week.

BOARD EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Fife Library and Community Presentation – Customer Experience Manager Kayce Austin welcomed the Board to the Fife Library and introduced Supervising Librarian Gabby Fuentes. Ms. Fuentes shared information about the diverse Fife community. Computer access is an important service and technology use in this branch is higher than some of the medium-sized branches. She shared stories of the services provided to the Library’s customers and information on the collection, which includes materials in various language including Lushootseed, Spanish and Russian. This summer the Library will focus on engaging teen volunteers.

Ms. Fuentes introduced Elaine Smith, Assistant Director of Teaching, Learning & Innovation at the Fife School District. Ms. Smith shared her appreciation for the Fife Library and the services it provides to students. She expressed gratitude for partnership with the Library.

Deputy Mayor Lew Wolfrom shared how happy the City is to have the Library in their community and thanked the Board for the work they do.

Councilmember Bryan Yambe expressed appreciation for the Fife Library and noted the City values their partnership.

Fife Library staff were introduced and shared what they enjoy about working at the Library. Storyteller Eli Boyd, Sr. Branch Assistant Kaitlyn Griffith, Library Page Natalie Sherman, Youth Services Librarian Dana Brownfield and Sr. Branch Assistant Leslie Young presented the Board with gifts from youth in the community.

Ms. Lomax expressed her gratitude to the city for their support and partnership with the Library.

Board thanked staff for their outreach to patrons and the community noting that the Library has spoken to the needs of the community and staff has been responsive to those needs.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Pierce County Reads - Behold the Dreamers, by Imbolo Mbue, will be the next book and author featured in A Year of Reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder that today is Library Giving Day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm on motion by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mr. Jenkins.

Georgia Lomax, Secretary

Rob Allen, Chair