

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 Daren Jones, Monica Butler and Pat Jenkins. Donna Albers was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Buckley Friends president Jean Contreras welcomed the Board of Trustees to the Buckley Library. The Board thanked the Friends for the work they do for the Buckley Library and for their ambassadorship for literacy.

Mayor Pat Johnson also welcomed the Board members. She shared information on Bonney Lake's population growth and noted the importance of the Library in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the March 14, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. March 2018 Payroll, Benefits and Vouchers
 - a. Payroll Warrants 3798-3805 dated 3/1/18-3/31/18 in the amount of \$4,874.21
 - b. Payroll Disbursement Voucher dated 3/6/18 in the amount of \$909,565.19
 - c. Payroll Disbursement Voucher dated 3/21/18 in the amount of \$856,537.23
 - d. Accounts Payable Warrants 628758-628886 dated 3/1/18-3/31/18 in the amount of \$758,635.39

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

BOARD REPORTS

Chair Allen shared his experience visiting a bookstore during his recent travels to Cali, Columbia.

ROUTINE REPORTS

February 2018 Financial Report – Ms. Morey noted she recently made changes to the fund balance section of the report to bring it in line with typical accounting standards for a balance sheet. Charts now include a cash and investment semi-monthly graph that will depict balances two times during a month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Priorities Project Update – Marketing and Communications Director Mary Getchell said the top library services the community values most are convenient library hours, printed and downloadable material, the assistance of staff and technology services.

Ms. Lomax provided an overview of the work of the Community Advisory Committee as they prepare to bring a recommendation to the Board. The Board expressed their appreciation for the committee's work.

Community Engagement Results – Ms. Lomax asked for discussion on the results of this winter's public surveys and open houses. Chair Allen said there were no surprises and this puts a magnifying glass on the library's inability to keep up with rising costs.

Ms. Lomax said the messages from the public indicate the services they want are the core services the Library is providing. Recent national research shows similar responses in other communities.

Understanding Levies – Public affairs consultant J.Marie Riche provided training on levies to help trustees understand options and details should they consider putting a measure on an upcoming ballot. Discussion ensued on the difference between levies and bonds, the various types of levies, and the difference between temporary and permanent levies.

The Board expressed concern that operational costs increase at a rate much higher than the legally allowed 1% growth of property tax revenue.

Ms. Riche explained timelines related to ballot measures. A new mill rate takes effect the year following an election. The deadline for the November 2018 ballot is August 7, 2018.

The Board instructed Ms. Lomax and staff to continue due diligence on the possible option of a ballot measure by working with an attorney regarding possible language for a ballot title and statement.

Buckley Library & Community Presentation – Buckley Community Branch Supervisor Kathy Norbeck introduced Youth Services Librarian Catherine O'Brien, Storyteller Bob Taylor, Adult Services Librarian Greg Dyer and Customer Experience Manager Kayce Austin and praised her staff for the work they do for their customers.

She shared information on the history of the Buckley Library and highlighted some of the programs that are held in the branch. Ms. Norbeck noted many local organizations, including the Rainier School, White River STEM services and the Buckley Youth Center are strong supporters of the work of the library. She also praised the local Friends for their support.

Ms. Austin also recognized Ms. Norbeck and her staff for building and maintaining strong connections in the community.

The trustees toured the Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm on motion by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mr. Jones.

Georgia Lomax, Secretary

Rob Allen, Chair