

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rob Allen called to order the regular meeting of the Pierce County Rural Library District Board of Trustees at 3:36 pm. Board members present were Daren Jones, Monica Butler, Pat Jenkins and Donna Albers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes of the May 9, 2018, Regular Meeting
2. May 2018 Payroll, Benefits and Vouchers
  - a. Payroll Warrants 3822-383 dated 5/1/18-5/31/18 in the amount of \$1,348.37
  - b. Payroll Disbursement Voucher dated 5/6/18 in the amount of \$1,004,139.07
  - c. Payroll Disbursement Voucher dated 5/21/18 in the amount of \$785,295.80
  - d. Accounts Payable Warrants 629025-629169 dated 5/1/18-5/31/18 in the amount of \$792,525.48

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

**BOARD REPORTS**

The Board appreciated receiving copies of the Our Own Expressions publications.

**ROUTINE REPORTS**

**Executive Director Report** – Ms. Lomax introduced new Facilities Manager Kristina Cintron.

Ms. Lomax reported Customer Experience Manager Judy Nelson is retiring after 17 years. The Board expressed their appreciation for her service to the Library.

Cliff Jo announced Finance Manager Donna Morey is leaving the Library and returning to her former workplace. The Board thanked her for the work she's done improving the financial reports.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Library Priorities and Funding** – Ms. Lomax provided a summary of the public engagement and activities the Library has conducted over the last several years which led to the recent work by the Community Advisory Committee.

Dona Ponepinto, President and CEO of United Way of Pierce County, and Gig Harbor resident; Scott Winship, Attorney & Shareholder, Vandenberg Johnson & Gandara, LLP, and Steilacoom resident; and Tad Navle, Real Estate Broker, RSVP Real Estate, and Lake Tapps/Bonney Lake resident, presented the committee's unanimous recommendation that Pierce County Library System should place a levy lid lift on the 2018 ballot.

The advisory committee was impacted by the public input and poll results that reflected strong desire for more library services and how valued it is. They said the committee had considerable discussion about how the Library is funded and the impact of the 1% cap on tax revenue increases, agreeing that it places the Library in a situation that will require it to return to the voters for stable funding. The group felt strongly that a cap that more aligned with real costs and inflation should be addressed by the state legislature.

The Board thanked the committee members for their thoughtful, important work and for looking at the situation objectively.

Ms. Lomax thanked the committee and noted staff was appreciative of the time commitment they made and was honored to provide information and support through the process.

Ms. Getchell asked the trustees to review the language on a draft resolution and explanatory statement. The resolution would be presented to the Board for approval at its July Board meeting. The resolution and explanatory statement would be part of a ballot submittal package to Pierce and King Counties Election Offices.

The Board directed the Library to finalize a resolution for vote at the July meeting.

*Ms. Albers moved to approve Resolution 2018-05: To Transfer a Portion in the General Fund to the Special Purpose Fund. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion and it was passed.*

*Ms. Butler moved to approve Resolution 2018-06: To Amend the 2018 Special Purpose Fund Budget. Ms. Albers seconded the motion and it was passed.*

Ms. Lomax said they will continue the work and will be prepared to bring a resolution for a ballot measure to the board in July. She noted the Library's attorney, Dan Gottlieb, would be available at the July meeting.

## BOARD EDUCATION AND SERVICE

**South Hill Library & Community Presentation** – Branch Manager Alice Darnton welcomed the Board and shared information about the South Hill Library and community. She introduced Janet Arfman from the South Hill Friends of the Library group. Sharon Nichols, Assistant Branch Supervisor; Lisa Heyerdahl and Max Craft, Adult Services Librarians; Sandra Rosa Bryant, Teen Services Librarian and Cindy Parido, Sr. Branch Assistant were also introduced.

The South Hill Library serves two major school districts, and provides families with story times, afterschool, and summer reading programs. Staff attend school events and maintain a close connection with South Hill Historical Society, who hold meetings at the branch. Ms. Darnton expressed her goal to increase the Library's connection to the local business community and shared her vision for the branch to be seen as a central place for businesses in the neighborhood. She acknowledged the current challenges with homelessness and the opioid crisis, noting staff was well equipped with training on how to connect those struggling with mental health problems to local resources while treating them with compassion and respect.

Ms. Darnton shared the branch goals, which are centered on the Strategic Plan. She also shared some of the activities led by her staff and praised them for their dedication.

The Board thanked Ms. Darnton and her staff for the service they provide to their community.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Prisoner Reentry Program** – This is a pilot program with the Washington State Library and Spokane Library. Incarcerated persons will learn about resources and assistance available from the Library, such as support for job seeking, and will be issued a card prior to their release.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pierce County Law Library Satellite launch celebration will be held Thursday, June 14, 2018, at noon at the Gig Harbor Library located at 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm on motion by Ms. Albers, seconded by Mr. Jones.

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Georgia Lomax, Secretary

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Rob Allen, Chair