

**Rock Island Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
January 21 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Rock Island Public Library met at the Rock Island Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Director's Office, with Eudell Watts III, President, presiding.

**Call to Order:** Eudell Watts, III, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Attendance:**

Present: Jenni Swanson, Deborah Freiburg, Karen Phillips, Pat Mahar, Holly Sparkman, Elizabeth Russell, Jacki Nelson and Kevin Koski

Also present were: Angela Campbell, Library Director; Lisa Lockheart, PR/Outreach Liaison; Kellie Kerns, Director – Business Office & Facilities; Kathy Lelonek – Foundation Director; Larissa Pothoven, High School Student Board Member

**Absent:** None

**Public Comment:** See supplemental document

John Thorson introduced himself to the Board.

Elizabeth Russell made a motion to enter into Closed Session under Matters of Personnel - 5 ILCS 120/2c Exception 2, "Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees." Jacki Nelson seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Koski, Nelson, and Russell; 1 ABSENT: Swanson; 0 NAYs

The Board went out of regular session at 5:02 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 5:03 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during the closed session.

The Board went out of closed session at 5:07 p.m. and entered Regular Session at 5:08 p.m. Karen Phillips made the motion. Kevin Koski seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Koski, Nelson, and Russell; 1 ABSENT: Swanson; 0 NAYs

Agenda item was presented to board whether or not to approve the revised economic interest/tentative agreement, points for collective bargaining. Motion died due to a lack of a first or second.

Jenni Swanson entered the board meeting at 5:10 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Board reviewed the December 17, 2020 meeting minutes. There were corrections. Eudell Watts III advised the minutes stand approved as amended.

**Board Education:** Nothing to Report.

**Correspondence:** Was presented to the Board.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance Committee

Kevin Koski made the motion to approve the monthly bills for December for a total of \$39,644.60. Deborah Freiburg seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 8 YAYS: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Koski, Nelson, Swanson, and Russell; 0 ABSENT; 0 NAYS

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Committee met January 20 2020 to review bid for the Downtown Library, Community Room, Audio Visual (AV) System upgrades project.

Pat Mahar made a motion to approve awarding project to Tri-City Electric Company as responsible bidder, as presented. Jacki Nelson seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 8 YAYS: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Koski, Nelson, Swanson, and Russell; 0 ABSENT; 0 NAYS

Personnel & Policy

Committee met January 15 2020 to review Director's pay for performance data. Chairperson Koski requested agenda item 2. be moved to the end of the meeting.

Planning & Community Relations

Nothing to Report.

Art Committee

Kathy Lelonek continues to work on reframing project of important pieces.

### Foundation

Kathy Lelonek provided update regarding the Foundation Board's last set of meetings. The Foundation Board's next meeting will be February 13, 2020. The annual Food for Thought fundraiser will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Watch Tower Lodge.

### **Administrator Reports:**

The Board was presented the Director's monthly report, included in the Board packet. Discussion took place and questions were asked. The Board was presented with the latest statistics and fielded questions.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Angela Campbell, Kathy Lelonek, and representatives from the YMCA provided updates regarding the status of the potential partnership and feasibility study results. Attendees discussed their observations of the potential partnership with the YMCA.

Jenni Swanson made the motion to approve the Memo of Understanding agreement with the YMCA. Elizabeth Russell seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Freiburg, Mahar, Koski, Nelson, Swanson, and Russell; 0 ABSENT; 1 NAY: Sparkman

Angela Campbell provided updates regarding the status of the sale of 30/31 Library property.

Angela Campbell provided updates regarding door counts at library locations. This data will be used to determine future hours of operation once CY21 budget planning begins.

Angela Campbell provided updates regarding Mobile Library operations.

Angela Campbell and Jenni Swanson provided updates regarding the status of the City's Energy Performance project.

Pat Mahar exited the board meeting at 6:05 pm.

### **New Business:**

Kevin Koski made the motion to approve the 4-10 Report Statement of Fund Requirements, with a recommended 4.9% levy increase. Karen Phillips seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 8 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Freiburg, Mahar, Koski, Nelson, Swanson, and Russell; 0 ABSENT; 0 NAYS

Karen Phillips made the motion to approve the revised Closings schedule for CY20 as presented. Deb Freiburg seconded. All were in favor.

**Information Sharing:**

- Library Census Equity Fund update
- 2020 State Lib Certification

**Announcements:** Nothing to Report.

**Closed Session:**

Karen Phillips made a motion to enter into Closed Session under Matters of Personnel - 5 ILCS 120/2c Exception 1, "Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body." Deb Freiburg seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Sparkman, Swanson Freiburg, Koski, Nelson, and Russell; 1 ABSENT: Mahar; 0 NAYs

The Board went out of regular session at 6:19 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during the closed session.

The Board went out of closed session at 7:58 p.m. and entered Regular Session at 7:59 p.m.

Kevin Koski made the motion. Jacki Nelson seconded. Motion carried on a recorded vote with 7 YAYs: Phillips, Swanson, Sparkman, Freiburg, Koski, Nelson, and Russell; 1 ABSENT: Mahar; 0 NAYs

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Rock Island Public Library will be February 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Kerns

Director – Business Office & Facilities