

In keeping with Executive Order 202.1 (regarding emergency adjustments to the Open Meetings Law in response to the Covid-19 pandemic), the public is not permitted in-person access to this meeting, and the meeting was held remotely via Zoom video conference link posted on Pearl River Public Library website 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. As required by the Governor's Order, the public will have the ability to view and listen to such proceedings via Zoom link, and the meeting shall be recorded, transcribed and made available on the Library's website.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Present were Board President Eric Sharrin, Vice President William Morris, Trustee Donna Warren, Library Director Eugenia Schatoff, Treasurer Magdalena Parvulescu, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, and Board Clerk Wendy Courtney. Also present was invited guest, Irene D'Anna.

Trustee Marie Manning was absent.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sharrin called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sharrin announced a change in the order of the Agenda. After approval of the Minutes, the Board would proceed to the Appointment of the New Trustee and then resume the regular Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were four members of the public in attendance. No comments or questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of January 25, February 8, and February 17, 2021 – On a motion by Trustee Warren, seconded by Trustee Morris, the Board voted 3-0 to pass a resolution approving the Minutes of the meetings of January 25, February 8, and February 17, 2021.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

On a motion by Trustee Warren, seconded by Trustee Morris, the Board voted 3-0 to pass a resolution approving the appointment of Irene D'Anna as a Trustee and member of the Board of the Pearl River Public Library effective February 22, 2021. Irene D'Anna took the Oath of Office immediately and proceeded to act as a Trustee for the remainder of the meeting.

The regular order of business resumed.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT & LIST OF CLAIMS

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for January 2021 and the List of Warrants for February 2021. On a motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee Warren, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Report for January 2021 and the List of Warrants for February 2021. Trustee D'Anna abstained.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Statistical Report for January 2021 was presented in a new format. However, because Board President Sharrin and Trustee Morris had not received copies of the Statistical Report, it was decided to bypass a discussion of the January 2021 Statistical Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Schatoff reviewed the Director's Report. In addition to her written report Library Director Schatoff discussed:

- the cancellation of excess Adobe subscription licenses;
- another HVAC failure resulting in no heat and an estimated \$10,000 repair;
- the planned purchase of laptops for use by full time employees who work from home;
- the Library obtained a Story Time studio grant to provide equipment to do remote story times.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Library Renewal Project** — Board President Sharrin summarized the Library's efforts to date to inform the public about the need for a Library Renewal Project and described his phone call with School Board President Bond. Board President Sharrin recommended stepping back from scheduling a bond referendum vote at this time and instead forming an Advisory Committee to dispel misinformation. Board President Sharrin indicated that School Board President Bond would consider being on the Advisory Committee.
2. **Resolution to set date of Budget Vote and Trustee Election** – On a motion by Trustee Warren, seconded by Trustee D'Anna, the Board voted 4-0 to approved a resolution setting the date of the Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election for June 8 and moving the May board meeting to Tuesday May 25 at which meeting there would also be a Budget Hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – The committee did not meet.

Policy Committee – The committee did not meet.

Personnel Committee – The committee did not meet.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee has been meeting weekly and will draft of the proposed 2021-2022 budget ready to present to the library board and to the public at the next board meeting.

PERSONNEL

Jennifer Daddio, Head of Youth Services has resigned; YA Librarian Emily Dowie had resigned previously.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to override tax cap – On a motion by Trustee Warren, seconded by Trustee D'Anna, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a resolution to override the tax cap.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was a copy of the letter of January 25, 2021 from Board President Sharrin to School Board President Bond.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were four members of the public in attendance, but no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:19PM, on a motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Board President Sharrin, the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss legal proceedings and union contract negotiations.

Ms. Parvulescu, Ms. McDermott, and Ms. Courtney were excused and left the meeting.

Wendy Courtney, Clerk to the Board

At 9:45PM on a motion by Board President Sharrin, seconded by Trustee Morris, the Board voted 4-0 to end the Executive Session. No action was taken. The Board scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for March 3, at 7PM and an Executive Session of the Board of Trustees to discuss union contract negotiations for Tuesday, March 9, at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Trustee Warren, seconded by Board President Sharrin, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:00PM.

Eugenia Schatoff, Library Director

NEXT MEETING: REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 22, 2020