

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, April 26, 2021.

Present were Board President Eric Sharrin, Vice President William Morris, Trustee Irene D'Anna, Trustee Michael McCue, Library Director Eugenia Schatoff, Treasurer Magdalena Parvulescu, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, and Board Clerk Wendy Courtney.

Trustee Donna Warren 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of March 22, and April 1, 2021 – On a motion by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Morris, the Board voted 4-0 to pass a resolution approving the Minutes of the meetings of March 22 and April 1, 2021.

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

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for March 2021 and the List of Warrants for April 2021. On a motion by Trustee D'Anna, seconded by Trustee Morris, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Report for March 2021 and the List of Warrants for April 2021.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Statistical Report for March 2021 was noted. Trustee Morris observed that the formulas for the percentage of increase/decrease seemed to be incorrect. Director Schatoff will see that the formulas are checked and corrected.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Schatoff reviewed Director's Report. Director Schatoff reported that she was changing the recommendation for chiller rental made in the Director's Report having received a more competitive bid.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Library Renewal Project** -- On a motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee D’Anna, the Board reviewed and discussed the Resolution Directing the Pearl River Union Free School District Board of Education to call a Special Meeting of the School District Voters to vote upon a Proposition Authorizing the Financing and Construction of the Pearl River Public Library Building Project and to Delegate Authority to the Library Director to choose an alternate date not later than October 5, 2021 for the Library Capital Project Vote. After discussion of the Resolution, the Board reached a consensus to table the matter until the May 25, 2021 meeting. No vote was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds – The Building and Grounds committee met on March 30. Trustee D’Anna discussed the progress of the building tours being offered to the public and public feedback to the tours.

Policy Committee – The committee did not meet.

Personnel Committee – The committee did not meet.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee did not meet.

Ad Hoc Committee – The Ad Hoc Committee met on April 5. No report.

Technology Committee – The Technology Committee met on April 9 and April 15. The committee is setting high level goals for library technology moving forward to ensure the library is able to serve patrons appropriately.

PERSONNEL

Library Director Schatoff informed the Board that she has finished conducting interviews to fill the two vacant, fulltime Librarian I positions. She will have a resolution to hire prepared for the May 25 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution to appoint poll workers** – On a motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee McCue, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a resolution to appoint poll workers for the June 8, 2021 Library Budget Vote and Trustee election.
2. **Resolution to approve expenditure for chiller rental** – The resolution was amended to approve expenditure not to exceed \$61,800 for installation and rental of a chiller unit from Carrier for a period of six months. On a motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee McCue, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt a resolution to approve the Resolution as amended. Trustee Morris commented that the expense of a chiller rental for the third year in a row was one of the many expenses being incurred by failure of the HVAC system, and he underscored the need to proceed with the Building Renewal Project in order to stop spending on temporary solutions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Library Director Schatoff shared a letter from Walter Murray, a library patron. Mr. Murray wished to know when the library would be fully open again. Director Schatoff discussed the New York State imposed restrictions and the need to limit the amount of time a patron could spend visiting the library in order to make library access available to as many people as possible. She also discussed the impact of state mandated quarantine periods on staff availability and hours of operation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one question from a member of the public regarding whether the library could publish a list of the extra expenses being incurred on temporary solutions due to system failures to keep the building running and open to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee D’Anna, seconded by Trustee Morris, the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss union contract negotiations at 8:18PM

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

Wendy Courtney, Clerk to the Board

On a motion by Trustee Morris, seconded by Trustee D’Anna, the Board voted 4-0 to end the Executive Session at 9:02PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Trustee D’Anna, seconded by Trustee McCue, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:03PM.

Eugenia Schatoff, Library Director

NEXT MEETING: REGULAR MEETING & BUDGET HEARING, TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021