

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Public Library was held at the library on Monday, December 20, 2021. The meeting was also held remotely via Zoom video conference link posted on the Pearl River Public Library website before the start of the meeting.

Present were Board President William Morris, Board Vice President Irene D’Anna, Trustee Michael McCue, Trustee Donna Warren, Library Director Eugenia Schatoff, and Board Clerk Wendy Courtney. Trustee Sharrin arrived at 7:08.

Also present were invited guests, Bob Gabalski, AIA, Partner, Lothrop Associates and Alex Stojkovic, Architect, Lothrop Associates.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution approving creation of three Library Assistant (PT) positions** – On a motion by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Warren, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a resolution creating three Library Assistant positions (PT).
- 2. Resolution approving expenditure of \$108,500 to be paid to Lothrop Associates for professional fees associated with chiller replacement** – Trustee McCue moved the resolution; Trustee D’Anna seconded.

Trustee Sharrin arrived at this point in the meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of replacing the chiller at this time. Mr. Gabalski and Director Schatoff answer questions raised by the Trustees. Board President Morris called the vote. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the resolution.

- 3. Source of funding for chiller replacement** – Several options were presented regarding the source of funding for chiller replacement. This Agenda item was tabled until the January 24, 2022 Board meeting.

BREAK

President Morris called a short break in the meeting before proceeding to the Vision Planning Session with Lothrop Associates. Board Clerk Courtney was excused and left the meeting at 8:25PM.

Wendy Courtney, Clerk to the Board

VISION PLANNING WORKSHOP WITH BOB GABALSKI, AIA, PARTNER, LOTHROP ASSOCIATES AND ALEX STOJKOVIC, ARCHITECT, LOTHROP ASSOCIATES

There was a Trustee Workshop with Lothrop Associates to develop long range and strategic plans for the Pearl River Public Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee D’Anna, seconded by Trustee Warren, the Board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters at 10:08PM.

On a motion by Trustee Sharrin, seconded by Trustee D’Anna, the Board voted 5-0 to end the Executive Session at 10:54PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Board President Morris, seconded by Trustee Sharrin, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:55PM.

Eugenia Schatoff, Library Director

NEXT MEETING: REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021