

FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY MEETING
12-5-2024 MINUTES

1. Call to Order: The regular board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Trustee Nalezny
2. Roll Call: Trustees Present: Pflug Mounce, McKay (entered at 6:02), Smogor, Wilmes, Cole-Burns, MacKay, Kasten. Others Present: Director Long, Assistant Director Ingram, Business Manager Tovar, Tom Siwicki from Sikich, Kristin Richardson from Engberg Anderson.
3. Approval of Agenda: Trustee Kasten made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Wilmes. Motion passes by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
5. Presentation from Sikich on Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit was made by Tom Siwicki. Trustee Kasten made a motion to approve audited financial reports for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, seconded by Trustee Cole-Burns. Roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Presentation with updates on Lighting project bids and Restroom Remodel Project was made by Kristin Richardson. Trustee Kasten made a motion to award the Lighting project bid to Carey Electric, seconded by Trustee Wilmes. Roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7.1 Secretary's report: Trustee Smogor made a motion to approve minutes of the regular monthly Board meeting of October 17 and the Truth in Taxation Hearing minutes of October 17, seconded by Trustee Kasten. Motion passes by voice vote.
- 7.2 At this time, no action is recommended regarding the biannual review of minutes and the recordings of all closed sessions.
- 8.1 Finance/Treasurer's Report: The monthly Finance report for October 2024 was presented. Questions were asked and answered in advance of the meeting. Trustee Kasten made a motion to approve Lists of Checks for November 2024 and to approve the payment of bills and salaries, seconded by Trustee Nalezny. Roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 8.2 Trustee Kasten made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Certification of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and the Annual Financial Report, seconded by Trustee Wilmes seconded. Roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Committee Reports: No reports
10. Board President's Report: A few trustees attended the legislative breakfast and it was interesting to learn about what other libraries are doing. There was discussion about ongoing legislative actions related to libraries. Trustee Smogor mentioned the desire for more interaction among the participants.
11. Library Director's Report: A reminder that the next board meeting is on January 16. Trustee Nalezny inquired about the recent position changes. Brief update on local taxing matters. Trustee Wilmes shared appreciation for the new kits, and Trustee Kasten noted being impressed with program attendance.
- 12.1 Other Business: Replacement of Illinois flag suggested. Trustee Kasten made a motion to approve Changes to the Employee Handbook regarding Child Bereavement Leave and VESSA, Trustee Nalezny seconded, motion carried by voice vote.
- 12.2 Trustee Kasten made a motion to approve the RFP for Auditing firm, seconded by Trustee Smogor, motion carried by voice vote.
13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm by Trustee Nalezny.

Approved

/S/ Sharon Smogor

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