

Minutes
Bartholomew County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 19, 2024
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Gron.

Present on site: Monta Frazier, Gary Gron, Laura Hack, Dawn Doup-Pandit, Vern Jorck, and Susan Finke Scott. Library staff: Jason Hatton, Director; Michelle Williams, Business Services Coordinator. Mike McIver, Attorney.

Present via Zoom: None

Absent: Mike Wilkerson

Announcements

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 15, 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed. Finke Scott noted that her last name is not hyphenated. Frazier moved and Doup-Pandit seconded approval of the July 15, 2024 minutes as amended. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Approval of Claims

A. Claims 563 through 673 in the amount of \$1,586,350.18 were reviewed. Hatton made note of some claims including databases and 850 Tipton expenses. Jorck moved and Finke Scott seconded approval to pay Claims 563 through 673 in the amount of \$1,586,350.18. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

A. Indiana State Library Erate Consortium. Hatton advised that being a member of the State Library Consortium allows us to take advantage of the assistance of ADTEC in filing the proper paperwork for ERATE reimbursement for internet access. As a member, we commit to Education Networks of America and we receive discounts for internet services. He said we meet the requirement that we be compliant with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). He reminded the Board that we have to reaffirm our membership in the consortium annually. Frazier moved and Hack seconded to approve membership with the State Library Consortium. The Board was polled and all answered Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

A. 2025 Budget Preview. Hatton said we are working on the budget. It will be ready for Public Hearing at the September 16 board meeting, with adoption scheduled for the October

21 meeting. He presented the budget and some changes being considered. He said he is proposing a 3% increase for staff. He also discussed the need for an increase in our insurance budgeting.

B. Director's Report.

- 850 Tipton. The cross was successfully removed from the spire. He said that there were both good and bad comments on the removal, which we had anticipated.
- We have signed a contract for a new ISL system. We expect to go live with it mid-May 2025.
- RFP issued for naming 850 Tipton and for brand strategy going forward.
- \$15,000 grant from Heritage Fund for the County App.
- We have a partnership with BCSC to encourage library cards for all students.
- We received notice from ILF that we have been named the 2024 Library of the Year!

Public Comment – 3 minutes per speaker

None.

New Business

Hatton reminded the Board of the next meeting on September 16, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Attested:

Laura Hack, Secretary

Gary Gron, President