

Minutes of the August 15, 2022

Effingham Public Library

Board Meeting

Members present: Chesnut, Dasenbrock, Greider, Miller, Pals, Wilson

Library Staff Present: Director Amanda McKay

Omnibus Agenda: approved

Action Items;

- Approved the 2023 Library Holidays
- Approved the regular library board meeting schedule
- Approved changes to the residency requirement from the Personnel Policy
- Approved updates to the library borrowing privileges for residents and non-residents, specifically to set a minimum non-resident fee of \$25/year and to allow for a non-resident non-profit to obtain a card
- Approved offering a “subscription method” for the payment of the annual non-resident fee
- Approved closing the account with Illinois ePay, our former credit card processor
- Approved transferring all share (~\$65,000.00) from the Illinois Funds to our Special Reserve Fund, held at Midland States Bank

Discussion Items:

- The board discussed three potential scenarios for the levy, ranging in an increase of 5%, 12.6% and 20%. The board is further exploring the 12.6% increase to meet the future needs of the library.
- Director McKay presented a brief report on the Summer Reading Program. For our first full Summer program since the pandemic, we are recovering well with our various benchmarks being achieved.
- The board reviewed the Book Selection Policy and no changes were recommended.
- The Unit 40 intergovernmental agreement will auto-renew on August 17, 2023
- The strategic planning process is moving forward with good participation from staff members
- The board briefly discussed the addition of solar panels to the roof. Director McKay will investigate options and bring them back to the board at a later date.
- Director McKay will have HR Source review some of the leave policies surrounding long-term illness to ensure we are in compliance.

Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.