

Bancroft Public Library
Board of Trustees – Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting

Present were Ed Donoghue, Kim Erbe, Rebecca Brown, Siri Allison, Director Susan Getty, and members of the public.

Minutes: Siri Allison made a motion, Rebecca Brown seconded, to approve the February 5, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Public Comment:

Correspondence: A thank you card from the Washington Academy Teachers Association, which came with their donation, was presented to the Board.

Treasurer/Finance Officer's Report: Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos. 13 through 17 and totaling \$1578.15 were audited and ordered paid. Siri Allison made a motion, Ed Donoghue seconded, to accept the Financial Statements as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Library Director's Report: See attached, including monthly statistics.

Committee reports: None due. The Program Planning Committee is scheduled to meet for the first time on Friday afternoon, March 8.

Old Business: Regarding the status of the Charter Application, there is still no word. Susan Getty will reach out to Sara Dallas.

Regarding the State Aid for Library Construction Grant Application, it is still with the Division of Library Development.

Regarding Attorney Dennis O'Connor's addressing of the Board's questions, Kim Erbe indicated an appointment has been set up for Friday, March 15 at 2 PM. Rebecca Brown will also go.

Regarding the picnic tables and courtyard improvements, discussion continued to be tabled.

Regarding the possibility of Director Susan Getty utilizing her Master of Social Work degree in offering information and referral services, she indicated she has spoken with her brother, who works for the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health, and that from that organization she could acquire resources to be used in providing services to the local community. Discussion was had concerning how this could be scheduled in order to plan for its inclusion in the Ballot Proposition increase in this year's School Budget vote.

Regarding the 2019 Proposition to be placed on the School ballot, discussion was had about all the elements to be included to arrive at a proposed amount: increased hours/employee wages, broadband upgrade, and information and referral services. Custodian hiring/wages was tabled at this time, for possible future consideration. Although it might be a stretch to cover all desired elements at the amount decided on, it was felt we shouldn't push the tax any higher, and that if needed, Library savings could make up the needed difference. The Proposition language and amount follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Salem Central School District is hereby authorized to increase by seven thousand six hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$7600.00), for a total of twenty-eight thousand six hundred nineteen and 00/100 dollars (\$28619.00) annually, the appropriation to the Bancroft Public Library, and to add to the levy the necessary tax thereof beginning with the 2019-20 school year."

There will be a more detailed accounting for the large increase provided to the public in advance of the vote by way of the Library Newsletter, the Library website, notices in the newspaper, an explanation in the School newsletter along with the Proposition language, and a printed explanation at the voting site. Siri Allison made a motion, Rebecca Brown seconded, to present this Proposition to the voters at the May, 2019, School Budget vote. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

New Business: None.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.