BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
5:30 p.m.

William C. Wetzel Reading Room
205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

I. Call to Order
President Westerhout called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Trustees Present:	John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Susan Mohr, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), Julian Westerhout
Trustees Absent:	None
Others Present:	Jeanne Hamilton, Kathy Jeakins, Maria Nagle, Caprice Prochnow

III. Introduction of Public
President Westerhout introduced Pantagraph reporter, Maria Nagle.

IV. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

V. President's Report
President Westerhout reported that there was a Pantagraph article yesterday on the outcome of the last Special Board meeting and the decision that the Board will be making this evening.

VI. Director's Report
Jeanne Hamilton shared that she did an interview with WMBD today about expansion news.
Jeanne shared that a handful of Managers are taking a trip to visit the Fountaindale Public Library to look at the features of their Outreach Vehicle to see if they are suitable for the future Techmobile here.
Jeanne stated that a new resource, called Kanopy, was just rolled out. This is a streaming service of independent films.
Jeanne shared that in a partnership with the Health Department Wellness classes held on Fridays, the Library applied for and received a grant that will provide Fitbits for the class participants.

VII. Fiscal Report Presentation
Kathy Jeakins, Business Manager, reported that things should be at 67%. Along with this, the Revenues have exceeded expectations for the year and Expenditures are at 60%. She entertained questions.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Minutes of December 17, 2019 Regular BPL Board Meeting
B. Approve Minutes of January 11, 2020 Special BPL Board Meeting
C. Approve Bills List of December 2019

Matt Watchinski moved, John Argenziano seconded, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Action Items

A. Approve Closing the Library on September 29, 2020 for Staff Development Day

Jeanne Hamilton shared the events planned for Staff Development Day.

Van Miller moved, Dianne Hollister seconded, to approve closing the Library on September 29, 2020 for Staff Development Day. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Transfer of Funds from Maintenance & Operating Fund to Capital Reserve Fund

President Westerhout reviewed this annual process with the Trustees.

Matt Watchinski moved, Van Miller seconded, to approve transfer of funds from Maintenance & Operating Fund to Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of $195,607.50.

Ayes: John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Susan Mohr, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth, Julian Westerhout

Nayes: None

Absent: None

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve the rank order of Architecture Firms interviewed for Library Expansion and authorize the Director to negotiate a contract with the highest ranked firm

Dianne Hollister and Jeanne Hamilton shared the comments of references that were called on the architect firms.

Each of the Trustees listed their rank order of the firms. There was much thoughtful discussion on determining the highest ranked firm. The rank order is as follow:

Dianne Hollister moved, Alicia Whitworth seconded, to approve the rank order of Architecture Firms interviewed for Library Expansion 1. Engberg Anderson, 2. Dewberry, 3. Sheehan Hartray, and 4. Gensler & Michael Barnes; and authorize the Director to negotiate a contract with the highest ranked firm, which is Engberg Anderson.

Ayes: John Argenziano, Alicia Henry, Dianne Hollister, Van Miller, Susan Mohr, Catrina Parker, Matt Watchinski, Alicia Whitworth, Julian Westerhout

Nayes: None

Absent: None

The motion carried unanimously.

X. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Library Expansion

President Westerhout stated that this whole process of choosing an architectural firm has been a very positive experience.

XI. Comments from Board of Trustees

Alicia Henry stated that the Director's Evaluation process needs to start soon and would like to have the form electronically. There was discussion on the timeline of the process.

Susan Mohr is excited about the Bloomington Reads programs for this year. There was discussion on some of the other programs being held.

John Argenziano commented the new Washington Senior Apartments (old BJHS) website mentions that the apartments are conveniently located within minutes of the Library.

XII. Adjournment

Van Miller moved, Alicia Whitworth seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

President Westerhout adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.