

Outagamie Waupaca Library System
Board of Trustees
August 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Gilbert at the Appleton Public Library.

PRESENT: Will Bloedow, Bobbie Buchholtz, Terry Dawson, Carol Diehl, Peter Gilbert, Paul Girod, Linda Hagen, Eunice Lawrence, Theresa Rechner, John Signoretti, Marcia Trentlage.

EXCUSED: Patricia Craig, Nicole Lemke, Bill Morien.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Krumwiede.

Bloedow moved, seconded by Trentlage, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting. Motion carried. Girod moved, seconded by Buchholtz, to approve checks numbered 26364-26427, inclusive, in the amount of \$1,322,918.25 and 7/14/13-8/10/13 payroll-related expenditures in the amount of \$64,975.00. Motion carried. Trentlage moved, seconded by Diehl, to approve the July 2013 financial report. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Both 2014 county budget requests have been submitted. Krumwiede and Gilbert will meet with the Outagamie County Executive on August 26th. There is nothing new to report on Brown County Library's billing of Outagamie County. The Wisconsin Library Association's legislative committee will be discussing Rep. Murphy's bill at its meeting on August 16. The Manitowoc-Calumet Library System Board has signed the revised intersystem borrowing agreement with OWLS.

OWLS is still investigating the possibility of switching to an internet connection through the Appleton Area Municipal Fiber Optics Network. However, this option will only make sense if WiscNet remains a viable internet service provider. The process of switching to the new bank has been started.

Krumwiede discussed the OWLSnet planning process and the priorities that have been identified. It is hoped that AAC will be able to act on the plan at its September or November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Gilbert provided an update on the director search process. Signoretti moved, seconded by Trentlage, to authorize the Personnel Committee to make an offer and enter into negotiations to hire a new director, within the policies established by the board and contingent upon a successful background check. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Krumwiede provided information about the 2014 system plan and budget. He will not be proposing anything very different in the plan, and he expects that the budget may be tight because the budget stabilization fund is shrinking. He also discussed the wage and benefit decisions that the board will need to make. The full plan and budget will be presented for board adoption at a future meeting.

Rep. Murphy's legislation will soon be introduced, and the next step is likely to be a committee hearing on the bill. Dawson moved, seconded by Bloedow, to go on record in support of LRB-2019/1 (now known as Assembly Bill 288). Motion carried.

Bloedow moved, seconded by Diehl, to approve a 3-year audit engagement letter with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause. Motion carried.

Krumwiede reviewed the final recommendations from the System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW), highlighting the changes from the preliminary report. Dawson moved, seconded by Buchholtz, to go on record that the OWLS Board supports and endorses the SRLAAW *Creating More Effective Public Library Systems* report and recommendations dated August 2, 2013 and the *County Payments to Public Libraries* recommendations dated August 2, 2013. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gilbert at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa S. Rechner
Secretary/Treasurer