

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting of Tuesday, September 17, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Wabash Presbyterian Church- Dixon Room

123 W Hill Street, Wabash, IN 46992

Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024. The meeting was at the Wabash Presbyterian Church- Dixon Room, 123 W. Hill Street, Wabash, IN, 46992. Notice was posted of this meeting pursuant to Indiana Code Sec. 5-14-1.5-5(a)(b). Members present were Bill Benysh, presiding; Rhonda Hipskind, Jim Widner, Jeff Knee, Susan Baker, Charles Miller. Mary Jo McClelland was absent with notice. Director Jon Gaskill was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Bill Benysh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CONSENSUS AGENDA

Action: Charles Miller moved and Rhonda Hipskind seconded the motion to accept the Consensus Agenda. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Benysh reminded trustees of a change to bank accounts to add Jon Gaskill as a signatory.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Security Camera Quotes

The board considered quotes from G6, Intrasect and Cottage Watchman for new security cameras throughout the finished library building.

Action: Susan Baker moved and Jim Widner seconded the motion to accept the quote from Cottage Watchman for \$43,068. Motion carried.

Sub-Floor quote

Jon Gaskill presented a quote for subflooring as a change order to the construction project for \$10,350 from Jack Laurie Group as presented by Jeff Trier/Hamilton Hunter.

Action: Charles Miller moved and Susan Baker seconded the motion to accept the quote for subflooring. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CD at First Merchants

Jon reported that part of the E Pearson Fund invested at First Merchants Bank, one of two with a value of \$275,000 was set to mature on September 29, 2024. Discussion was had by the board of trustees, and no action was taken in case the library needed the funds for construction completion.

2025 Budget Hearing

The public hearing for the 2025 WCPL Budget opened at 5:50 PM.

Action: Rhonda Hipskind moved and Susan Baker seconded to enter the public hearing. Motion carried.

Director Gaskill walked the trustees through the proposed 2025 budget with a few minor changes to personnel for anticipated pay adjustments, and increases in advertising and "construction other than buildings" for possible signage once the construction project is complete. The library is set to request a 4% increase per the state's set

Maximum Levy Growth Quotient which keeps the library as a non-binding unit and adds \$60,645 for a total of \$1,576,771 for operating, \$183,600 for debt service. Additional unused funds from the 2024 budget (up to the allowable 10%) will roll into the Rainy Day. Other funds from the E. Pearson Unrestricted fund will reimburse the construction fund \$154,000 for furniture expenses. Trustees asked a few questions which will be answered by or before the next board of trustees meeting and budget adoption meeting October 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

Action: No action was taken and the public budget hearing closed at 6:07 PM with a motion from Rhonda Hipskind and a second from Charlie Miller to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried

E-Rate

E-rate was on the agenda, but action was taken in the July 16 meeting, so no action was necessary and the matter was not brought before the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jon updated the board about phase one of the furniture installation which started on 9/3 and completed on 9/5. Metzgers Auction house collected remaining furniture from the library and the large storage unit to be auctioned with 15 days notice to the public per state statute. Jon announced birthdays and work anniversaries and various meetings with community stakeholders. Demolition began on the east side of the building on 9/17 and anticipated landscaping should begin in early October. Finally, a reminder to trustees to listen to the library's podcast "The Bookmark" by staffers Rachel Castle and Laura Beutler was brought to the board's attention.

OTHER

Trustees made a few comments for the good of the order, including recommendations to reach out to Honeywell for possible contracting for maintenance at the library.




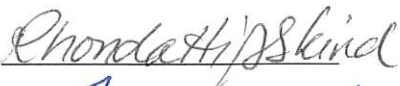
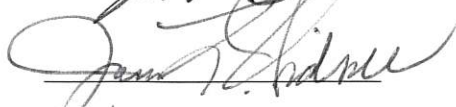


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.


Action: Charles Miller moved and Susan Baker seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

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Presented to the Wabash Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees, read in full and adopted on October 8, 2024.

ATTEST


Secretary, Library Board of Trustees