

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held at 7:00 pm on June 6, 2023, in the conference room at the Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, New Hampshire.

Trustees present were:

Linda Laflamme (Chair)
Scott Jaquith
Paul Bergeron
Kristen Kane
Padmaja Kunapareddy

Also present was Library Director Jen McCormack and Assistant Library Director Jenn Hosking, who took the minutes. Three members of the public were present and four representatives from the Nashua International Sculpture Symposium.

Chairman Laflamme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public comment period: Avalon Lewis expressed concern about two books in the children's collection. Beth Scaer complimented staff for their support using arranging a meeting room to show a documentary and expressed feelings about the topics covered in the annual book retreat. Elizabeth Ferreira asked how age restrictions are enforced for library programs.

Chairman Laflamme suspended the order of agenda to allow a presentation from the Nashua International Sculpture Symposium representatives.

Jim Larson, creative director, proposed the installation of his sculpture, "You Are a Snack" on library grounds at the edge of the Court Street sidewalk and the grass area outside the Chandler Wing. The Board suggested the addition of stairs to make the grass area accessible to the front area of the sculpture. Mr. Larson will include the addition of stairs to the design concept and forward to Director McCormack to share with the Board for review and approval.

The Board examined the bills and, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. Jaquith, unanimously:

RESOLVED that bills in the amount of **\$40,050.19** be approved for payment from the **Regular** budget and bills in the amount of **\$218.82** be approved for payment from the **Fines** budget.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Ms. Kunapareddy, the Board unanimously **approved**

- **\$3,000.00 be expended from the Bloomfield Trust to fund Nashua Reads programming**
- **\$50,351.00 be expended from the Stearns request to fund high demand book purchases, downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, Nashua Reads books and Book giveaways at community events.**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Kane, seconded by Mr. Jaquith, the Board unanimously **approved the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting.**

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Kunapareddy, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, the Board unanimously **approved the appointment of Amanda Blair to reference librarian with a start date of July 11, 2023 and an annual salary of \$49,709.**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Ms. Kunapareddy, the Board unanimously **approved updates as proposed to the library's meeting room policy.**

In other business, Director McCormack provided a brief update on the plaza renovation project stating the environmental review is almost complete. Mr. Jaquith asked how and if age guidelines are enforced for library programs and materials. Chairman Laflamme shared library administration and union will be entering into mediation as negotiations continue for a new collective bargaining agreement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Ms. Kunapareddy, the Trustees unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Attest _____

David K. Pinsonneault, Secretary