

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESENT: Gary Brunjes, Debbie Young Szala, Joanne Allar, Loretta Chillemi, Sandra Levine; Vicki Lever, Director; Cathy Tingo, Board Secretary

STAFF: Maggie Kavanagh, Catherine Frank, Reference Librarians

GUESTS: Battle of the Books' participants and their families

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Brunjes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of awards and reception for the 2022 Battle of Books team the Chocolatiers -

President Brunjes congratulated the young adults for their hard work and commitment to reading. Vicki thanked the Battle of Books team the Chocolatiers for all their efforts. Coaches Maggie Kavanagh and Catherine Frank congratulated the team and gave a brief background on the contest. Maggie and Catherine expressed how proud they are of all the participants for their 5th place finish and certificates were presented. Cake and refreshments were served. At 7 p.m. Maggie, Catherine, Battle of Books participants and their families left the meeting.

Public Hearing on Virtual Meetings –

At 7 p.m. President Brunjes opened the Public Hearing on Virtual Meetings -

A discussion transpired on Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution and Procedures regarding the use of hybrid meetings under Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law, Babylon Public Library Policy #000-85 as annexed hereto. (Brunjes/Allar) Unanimous

At 7:07 President Brunjes closed the Public Hearing on Virtual Meetings.

Minutes –

Motion was made to accept the Minutes of the August 16, 2022. (Szala-Levine) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report/Warrants –

Motion was made to approve the August 2022 Warrant #GF2208, Payroll Warrant 2208-1 and Payroll Warrant 2208-2, as prepared by Treasurer, Ann Guarascio. (Brunjes/Allar) Unanimous

Motion was made to approve checks numbered 5828 through and including 5874. (Brunjes/Chillemi) Unanimous

Director's Report -

The Director presented her report which was reviewed and approved by the Board.

President Brunjes offered an opportunity for a Period of Public Expression. No one was present.

Personnel Report –

Motion was made to approve the longevity payment of \$1500 to Cynthia Puleo, Senior Library Clerk for fifteen years of service on October 22, 2022. (Allar/Levine) Unanimous

Motion was made to approve the longevity payment of 428.57 to Audrey Lawrence, part-time Page, for ten years of service on October 22, 2022. (Levine/Szala) Unanimous

Unfinished Business –

Carpets –

Vicki informed the Board the carpets have been ordered.

Budget Vote –

Motion was made to adopt the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously established a date of April 4, 2023 for holding a Special District meeting for the purpose of voting upon a Library Budget and electing a trustee to the Library's Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the date previously established is not optimal, and has determined that another date is preferable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Babylon Public Library, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York hereby rescinds any previously established date for the Special District Meeting of qualified voters of the Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York and hereby approves a revised date of such Special

Meeting of April 18, 2023; and hereby rescinds any previously established date of March 21, 2023 for the public hearing for the purpose of discussing expenditures contained in a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and hereby approves a revised date of such public hearing of April 4, 2023. (Szala/Allar) Unanimous

Juneteenth –

Motion was made to adopt the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Babylon Public Library hereby amends Agreement made the 10th day of July 2019 between Babylon Public Library and the Babylon Public Library Staff Association to add Juneteenth to the list of holidays on which the Library will be closed for 2023 and 2024. Holidays are hereby further amended to change twelve paid holidays per year to thirteen paid holidays per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Babylon Public Library hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement dated September 20, 2022, between Babylon Public Library and the Babylon Public Library Staff Association as annexed hereto, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on the Board's behalf. (Brunjes/Szala) Unanimous

Patron safety in front of the library –

Vicki advised the Board that Mayor Adams will look into getting signage for in front of the library.

New Business –

Resolution on Social Work Intern –

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Babylon Public Library hereby approves an Agreement dated September 1, 2022 between the Library and the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Social Welfare regarding social work interns, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on the Board's behalf. (Brunjes/Allar) Unanimous

SCLS Trustee Nominating Caucus –

Vicki shared with the Board that there is an open seat on the SCLS Board.

Permission for the Babylon Rotary Club to collect socks and T-shirts for Veterans –

Motion was made to grant the Babylon Rotary Club permission to collect socks and T-shirts for Veterans. (Allar/Levine) Unanimous

Upcoming Meeting –

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made to enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. (Brunjes/Chillemi) Unanimous

Returned to Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

Adjournment -

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. (Allar/Brunjes) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tingo

Board Secretary

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