

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022  
BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

Minutes –

Motion was made to accept the Minutes of the July 12, 2022. (Szala-Allar) Unanimous  
Treasurer's Report/Warrants –

Motion was made to approve the July 2022 Warrant #GF2207, Payroll Warrant 2207-1 and Payroll Warrant 2207-2, as prepared by Treasurer, Ann Guarascio. (Brunjes/Chillemi) Unanimous

Motion was made to approve checks numbered 5737 through and including 5827. (Brunjes/Szala) 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 health care waiver payment of \$2250 to Catherine Tingo on September 2, 2022. (Allar/Levine) Unanimous

Motion was made to approve the health care waiver payment of \$2250 to Cynthia Puleo in two installments on October 14, 2022 and October 28, 2022. (Levine/Chillemi) Unanimous

Motion was made to approve the health care waiver payment of \$1500 to Joshua Perry on November 10, 2022. (Szala/Allar) Unanimous

Motion was made to approve the health care waiver payment of \$2250 to Margaret Carrino on January 6, 2023. (Chillemi/Allar) Unanimous

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Colette Steinhauer, part time Library Clerk, effective July 18, 2022. (Levine/Szala) Unanimous

Motion was made to confirm the appointment of Donna Jeansonne, part time Librarian I, for Adult Department, effective September 12, 2022. (Allar/Szala) Unanimous

Motion was made for permission to hire part time Page for Children's Department. (Szala/Chillemi) Unanimous

Motion was made to appoint Molly Higgins, part time Page for Children's Department, effective September 12, 2022. (Levine/Allar) Unanimous

Motion was made to confirm the appointment of Stacey Furey as a call in Librarian I, effective September 12, 2022. (Szala/Chillemi) Unanimous

Unfinished Business –

Electric Vehicles –

After a discussion of installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the library's parking lot the Board determined the cost would outweigh the benefits.

Banking –

The Board reviewed the interest projection spreadsheet prepared by Michael Castonguay, Business Manager.

New Business –

Change of Budget Vote Date –

Vicki will contact the attorney for the library for a Resolution to be passed at next month's Board meeting in order to change the dates for the library's upcoming Budget Information meeting and Budget Vote/Trustee Election.

Tax Levy –

Motion was made to set the Library tax levy for fiscal year 2022-2023 at \$2,339,085 with an approximate tax rate of \$12.21 per \$100 based on an assessed valuation of \$19,152,511 as determined by John Ripple, Assessor of the Town of Babylon. This information will be sent via letter to Deirdre Lunetta, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Babylon Union Free School District. (Allar/Szala) Unanimous

Banking Signature Card –

Updated banking signature cards were signed, notarized, and will be sent to bank.

Juneteenth –

The Board reviewed and discussed the letter from UPSEU requesting that June 19, 2023 be a paid holiday for library employees. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to approve the request for a Juneteenth holiday for 2023-2024. Vicki will contact the library's attorney and ask him to notify UPSEU.

The Board discussed safety measures for in front of the library.

Upcoming Meeting –

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made to enter Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.  
(Brunjes/Allar) Unanimous

Returned to Open Session at 6:51 p.m.

Adjournment -

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. (Allar/Brunjes) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tingo

Board Secretary