

Hamilton Township Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8/23/2021, 5:00pm

This public meeting is taking place at the Hamilton Free Public Library. All meetings of this group will be audio recorded.

Members Present : Mr. Santamaria, Mr. Kovacs, Ms. Tonti, Mr. Atkin, Mr. Gedeika, Ms. DeAngelo and Library Director Mr. Chianese

Members Absent : Ms. Rogers, Ms. Bradley

Board President, Mr. Leonard Santamaria expressed the desire to change the order of business for today's meeting, so that the public could be heard before any pending business was considered. The Board had no objection to the request.

Mr. Kenneth Steele inquired about when the library meeting rooms will be open again to the public.

Ms. Colleen Affrime, the children's librarian, inquired about the amount of children to be in the children's room at one time and also stated she has had to remind people to wear masks properly.

Review and Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board : Approval of the August 2021 minutes were moved by Mr. Kovacs, seconded by Ms. DeAngelo. Ms. Tonti abstained from voting since she was absent from the previous meeting.

The minutes were approved by all members present.

Consideration of the Treasurer's Report : Approval of the August 2021 Treasurer's Report was moved by Ms. DeAngelo, seconded by Ms. Tonti. The Treasurer's Report was approved by all members present.

Consideration of the Bill List : Approval of the August 2021 Bill List was moved by Mr. Kovacs and seconded by Ms. DeAngelo. The Bill List was approved by all members present.

Committee Reports : Ms. Rogers was scheduled to submit the By-Law Review Committees work to the Board for its approval. This was not possible because the draft is not yet ready.

Directors Report

Grice Middle school has requested the Library to be their emergency evacuation location as it has been in the past, they already have a plan in place for it.

The Library along with other community partners is sending a representative to Grice Middle School for the schools "Back to School Bash" on Thursday, September 2nd, with information for the public about what the library has to offer.

The Library has been awarded funds from the American Rescue Plan to provide improvements to the Library for such things as \$30,000 for better Wi Fi capability and \$5,000 for improving printers and scanners. Hopefully things will be installed mid to late September.

The Library director would like to hire a part time employee to fill a recently vacated position in the circulation department. An employee never returned after being furloughed, as of now it would be a 30 hour a week position but may change.

The Friends of the Library, along with the Library and Olden Pharmacy, is looking into a community program called Take a Book, Leave a Book. This program would provide free books to the community.

The Board retired into Executive session to consider legal and personnel matters at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting returned to regular session at 5:55 p.m.

A motion to move Resolution 21-012, the approval of hiring of a part time library position at \$15.00 per hour, was made by Ms. Tonti and seconded by Mr. Kovacs. It was approved by all members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Kovacs, and seconded by Ms. Tonti, to approve the revised reopening of the meeting room policy documents, Resolution Number 21-014. The motion failed approval by all members present and voting. The Board agreed to revisit the policies on a month-to-month basis.

No additional public comment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 27th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.