

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, April 10, 2023
3:00 pm.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, April 10, 2023. President Mrs. Walker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present: Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Reilly. Mrs. van Horne-Brett attended via Zoom, Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs and Mr. Lake were absent. Also present Jennifer Long, Director, Sheila Wolff, Business Manager and Erin Morrow, District Consultant.

Interested Citizens: Judy Brunswick of Palmer township spoke of updates of her group Adult Skills Quest.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Ms. Long and was seconded by Mr. Thomas. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Communications: None.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None

Committee Reports: Mr. Thomas reported the Personnel and Policy Committee is continuing to review the general policies. He also spoke about the Personnel and Policy Committee's review on the salary recommendations for next fiscal year.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her report. The Library is now open the required 65 hours. The Library's new morning hours started on March 6th. Monday thru Friday, the Library now opens at 8:00 and has been working well. The public survey is getting a great response. The Catherine Drake room stairway has been fixed and repainted. The Library hosted students from Northeast Middle School last week which also toured the Sigel Museum. The mural in the Children's room has been taken down. The wall was repainted and will host a chalk board interactive area. On April 18th, we will start daily resource sharing with Bangor Library and the 5 Monroe County Libraries.

Old Business: The Strategic Planning is collecting the public surveys. So far we have received 500 English and 600 Spanish surveys. The surveys will be collected and reviewed next week.

New Business: Mr. Thomas said the Personnel and Policy Committee reviewed various options for the salary recommendations for fiscal year 2023-2024. The committee recommended the \$1.00 an hour raise to bring the starting salaries closer to the Governor's recommendation of \$15.00 hour for PA employees. Mr. Thomas made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 raise of \$1.00 an hour for all staff excluding the Director, whose salary is reviewed at a later time, and was seconded by Ms. Long. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Ms. Long reminded the Board of Directors of the upcoming Book Sale April 26 through May 1. The Friends' scholarship applications are due to the Friends by May 1st 4:00pm.

Ms. Long made a motion to adjourn at 3:30pm. and was seconded by Mr. Reilly. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Next EAPL Board meeting: May 8, 2023

Next EASD Board meeting: May 23, 2023 Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs will be reporting

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff, Recording Secretary