

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, April 13, 2026, 4:15 pm.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, April 13, 2026. President Ms. Long called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Ms. Long, Mr. Reilly, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Jabbour, Mr. Lake, and Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs. Mrs. van Horne-Brett was absent. Mrs. Jennifer Long, Director and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager were also present.

Interested Citizens: None

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

Communications: Mrs. Long reported the Library received an anonymous donation for \$100,000. There is no restrictions on the donation.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None

Committee Reports: Mrs. Walker reported the P&P committee met to discuss the salary rates and medical benefits for 2026-2027.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her Director's Report, Surv Restaurant choose the Library as their community partner for March. The Library was presented with a \$920.00 donation from Surv. Purdy Fire Extinguishers certified all the building's fire extinguishers as part of their annual inspection. On March 19th, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Morrow and Mr. Davis attended the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual program featuring Mayor Panto. The Library had an information table with brochures and a listing of business databases.

Old Business: Mrs. Long and Mrs. Morrow meet with Ken Case, Trane and engineers to discuss updates to the air conditioning replacement. Mrs. Long shared the cemetery map with the engineer. The location of the new unit was changed by the engineer based on the map. The original location and trenching for the electrical might have disturbed graves. The new location will be where the shed is located. A new shed will be provided to the Library with a different location. When a crane comes to place the new unit and remove the chiller, the Library will need to close for the day. Projected completion of the AC project is projected to be end of April.

New Business: An audit at Easton Area School District found that the District collected the Library Tax but underpaid the Library of 1,500,000.00. Easton Area School District wants the Library budget to be presented in milage. Discussion by the Library Board followed. The P & P Committee recommends the starting hourly wage as of July 1 be \$15.00 an hour. The Part-time staff receives a \$1.00 an hour raise and Full-time staff receive a 4% raise. The Full-time staff enrolled in medical insurance will pay \$20.00 a pay period, \$40.00 a month for their insurance. Those who choose the lower deductible option will pay an additional \$20 a pay period for \$60.00 a pay period, \$120.00 a month. The Library's budget for 2026-2027 will be presented to the Board of Directors at the May 11th meeting and then to Easton Area School District at their May's 12th meeting. Bernadette Lear, a Penn State University Librarian, researcher and author, will be vising us this week for research on her next book. Ms. Rines, Marketing and Public Relations secured author Debra Curtis, author of *Laws of Love and Logic* to speak at the Diverse Voices Book Club on May 21. There will be no Spring Book Sale due to the construction at the Library and the road construction.

Mr. Lake made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm. and was seconded by Mrs. Ramirez-Luhr. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Next meeting, May 11, 2026 at 4:15pm.

Next EASD meeting, May 19, 2026, Mrs. van Horne-Brett will be presenting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff
Recording Secretary