

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, June 10, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, June 10, 2024. Vice President Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long, Mr. Lake, and Mrs. van Horne-Brett. Mr. Reilly and Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs were absent. Also present: Jennifer Long, Director, and Erin Morrow, District Consultant.

Interested Citizens: None.

Consent Agenda: Mrs. Walker moved to amend the previous meeting's minutes to read that the Board met in Executive Session, rather than that the Executive Committee met, and to approve the consent agenda. An updated version of the May 13 minutes were sent out prior to the meeting, but not all members had them on hand at the meeting. Ms. Long seconded the motion and, by voice vote, all were in favor.

Communications: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Director's Report: The Easton Area School Board voted to approve the Library's budget at their regular meeting on May 21, 2024. The Library budget included a 3% increase in the special library tax for the upcoming year. The Library hosted 35 librarians from across the Lehigh Valley and Poconos for a continuing education program led by Christi Buker and Rob Leshner from the Pennsylvania Library Association. Between Amber Tortorelli and Libby Ortiz, all of the elementary schools in the Easton Area School District were visited to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program. On May 23, the Lehigh Valley experienced a severe thunderstorm. A couple of trees and a light pole were brought down on the Library's property, and one bench was damaged. Ken Case and a school district electrician came to survey the damage and disconnect power to the downed light pole. Friendly Tree Service came to clear away the fallen trees and will be returning to take care of the large tree that was damaged at the front of the property.

Old Business: The Strategic Planning Committee is still working to schedule a retreat. The 2024-2025 Budget passed. The current fiscal year will be closed out in mid-July.

New Business: A motion was made by Mr. Lake and seconded by Ms. Long to pay the June and July bills. By voice vote, all were in favor. No applications were received by the deadline for tuition reimbursement. The Director was asked to pass along the Board's congratulations to all current students and new graduates, and remind everyone that they are eligible for the reimbursement program, even if they have received reimbursement in the past. Mr. Lake's term as Board Treasurer is set to expire and he has expressed his interest in renewing. Mrs. Walker motioned to appoint Mr. Lake to a new 3 year term, and Ms. Long seconded. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Mr. Lake moved to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Long. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Morrow', is written over a printed name and title.

Erin Morrow, Recording Secretary