

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY
Special Meeting/Executive Session
April 12, 2022, 7:00 PM, Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustees: Matthew Weiss, President; Althema Goodson, Vice President;
Cecilia Quintero, Secretary; Amanda Curley, Meghan Huppuch, Alice Joselow,
Shandi Speller

Staff: Karen LaRocca-Fels, Director; Molly Robbins, Assistant Director;
Kathy Beirne, Secretary to Library Director

Others: Michael Holmes, INSIGHTS4U

Call to Order

At 7:06 PM President Matthew Weiss called the April 12, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Old Business

- Facilitated Board Discussion of Development Priorities and Discussion of Proposals

Michael Holmes commented on the difference in the most recent proposal is that it is more detailed and contextualized. He reshaped the proposal in depth and content. It is not different just additional assessments. He recommended a three-month engagement at a minimum at a cost of \$18,000.

Karen recommended that the Board work begin first and hold off on the staff, Friends, and Foundation work for now.

- Board Discussion regarding Board Development

Cecilia – definite value in getting together in a Board development forum

Matt – there has no significant expense taken for Board development in the past decade. It is time to utilize a professional – he is 100% behind expending the necessary money.

Alice – she has always been positive toward Board development – happy that Michael Holmes is going to do this. Board first and then the staff.

Amanda – she likes the new proposal – it is more specific, directed and clear. Short comings pointed out is appreciated. Very focused and appropriate for the Board – how we communicate among ourselves.

Matt – Foundation communicated that they would like to be involved in this training. Board will refer or connect Michael to the Friends and Foundation. A discussion for the future.

Meghan - when will the work with Michael begin? Alice noted that it should be after the May 17 Budget vote. Maybe Michael can come up with some dates – important to make sure all 7 Board members can make the commitment.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #54 – Approval of Insights4U Proposal

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Insights4U three (3) months proposal for Board Development by Michael Holmes in the amount of \$18,000.

Alice Joselow moved and Amanda Curley seconded the motion to approve Resolution #54. Motion passed 6-0.

REVISED RESOLUTION #58 – Approval of 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

RESOLVED, that the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget of the Board of Trustees of the Ossining Public Library in the sum of **\$4,543,107** be approved, and that the Ossining Union Free School District be authorized to levy and collect the sum of **\$4,322,707** as the necessary tax thereof.

Alice Joselow moved and Meghan Huppuch seconded the motion to approve revised Resolution #58. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION #62 – Approval of Guidelines for Publication of Candidates’ Statements on the OPL Website

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the format for Board of Trustee Candidates to submit a 300-word statement and a photo that will be posted on the OPL website, while reserving the right to approve said material according to guidelines established by the Board.

Amanda Curley moved and Alice Joselow seconded the motion to approve Resolution #62. Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Session

At 7:42 PM, Cecilia Quintero moved and Alice Joselow seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

At 7:52 PM Alice Joselow moved and Amanda Curley seconded the motion to leave Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment

At 7:53 PM Meghan Huppuch moved and Cecilia Quintero seconded the motion to adjourn the April 12, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Beirne
Secretary to Library Director