

GALESBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Present: Asplund, Buck, Conolly, Hunigan, Kroll, McDonald, Peterson, Reichel. [8]
Absent: Phillips. [1]

Also present: Ken Goad (City Council) and Pam Van Kirk (Library Director).

CALL TO ORDER.

President Reichel called the regular monthly meeting of the Galesburg Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Kroll said that under action items the minutes should read “that he personally thought that the libraries of District 205 were an embarrassment to the community”.

Kroll made a motion to approve the minutes of the February regular board meeting as corrected. Hunigan seconded. There was voice vote approval.

PRESENTATION OF EXPENSES AND PAYROLL –See attached lists.

Mrs. Van Kirk will investigate the CD fees.

Asplund presented the list of expenses, add-ons and estimated payroll.

Asplund made a motion to approve the payment of the list of bills and estimated payroll in the amount of \$119,263.60 and add-ons in the amount of \$25,433.98. Peterson seconded.

Roll Call #1.

Ayes: Asplund, Buck, Conolly, Hunigan, Kroll, Peterson, Reichel. [7]

Nays: None.

Absent: McDonald, Phillips. [2]

President Reichel declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER KEN GOAD

President Reichel introduced City Council member Ken Goad. Mr. Goad asked the board what has caused the “adversarial relations” between the library and the council. Kroll said that the problem was created when the then city manager Gary Goddard and city finance director Gloria Osborn ignored the library’s budget requests and attempts to cooperate with the city regarding budget cuts. Mr. Goad said that he would be sure to inform the rest of the council about this. He said that he was glad that relations between the city and library are better.

Kroll brought up the question of a new library building. He said that the library board would need the city’s help in accomplishing the task. Mr. Goad agreed with the need for a new library. He appreciates the library’s services. Hunigan pointed out the importance of the library in economic development.

McDonald arrived.

The board thanked Mr. Goad for attending the meeting. Mr. Goad left.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Building Committee: Chairperson Peterson reported that the committee had not met.

Personnel Committee: The committee had not met.

Finance Committee: Chairperson Asplund reported that the committee had not met.

Policy Committee: Chairperson McDonald reported that the committee had not met.

ACTION ITEMS

The board discussed security problems in the building. Mrs. Van Kirk said that there is no way to communicate emergencies between departments, identify perpetrators, see people at the back door or some portions of children's room, monitor basement, and send a silent alarm. Mrs. Van Kirk presented the board with the suggestions for security from Oberlander Security. The various remotes, strobe, and camera were discussed. The cost to purchase the items suggested was approximately \$8,000. Mrs. Van Kirk will discuss the ideas with the staff. Hunigan mentioned cameras in the parking lot. Mrs. Van Kirk will obtain more security information.

Mrs. Van Kirk explained the need for an additional full-time reference librarian.

Kroll made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional full-time reference librarian. Hunigan seconded.

Roll Call #2.

Ayes: Asplund, Buck, Conolly, Hunigan, Kroll, McDonald, Peterson, Reichel. [8]

Nays: None.

Absent: Phillips. [1]

President Reichel declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

The Board received copies of the departmental and Director's reports. Copies of these reports are attached.

Kroll suggested some use restrictions with the public internet computers; e.g. music downloads.

The library will be closed on Easter Sunday but remain open on Mother's Day.

Adjourned 6:05 p.m.

Secretary

President