

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FAIRPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008.

PRESENT

Greg Vogt
Suzanne Stockman
Beth Puckett
Beth White

OTHERS

Betsy Gilbert
Tori Reilly
Lin Macholz
Pat Rapp

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Greg Vogt, President.

30 MINUTE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Peter McDonough asked if the Board has a time limit in its search for a library location. Dr. Vogt responded that there are two leases on the current facility. February 2013 is the only time when both leases come together and the library could leave the facility without financial penalty. If vacating the current facility is determined to be the best option, the library would need to give notice in February 2012. This would require bringing a recommendation to the community in 2009 or 2010.

Ms. White pointed out that the library's lease is not ending in 2013; however, this would be the best time to vacate if that is the decision.

Dave Conrad, a member of the Village Planning Board, stated that New York State has the highest taxes in the country and expressed concern about NYS libraries following that pattern.

Ms. Gilbert stated that the standards she worked from were not NYS standards.

Craig Person asked about cost of new space and cost of leasing.

Ms. White stated that in preliminary analysis, the cost of renovating the former Vix space vs. a new build is comparable over forty years. Numbers will be updated when a site is found.

Mr. Person asked if the cost to run the library goes up, regardless of whether there is a new build or a renovation.

Ms. White said yes.

Connie Foster asked about sites the library is considering.

Dr. Vogt stated that the library is in the midst of negotiations so he cannot comment on those sites at this time.

Ms. Foster asked about the size of the Pittsford library.

Ms. Gilbert stated that it is two stories, but smaller than what Fairport is considering.

Mike Ross asked if Village design standards are an issue for the library.

Dr. Vogt stated that the library is working closely with the Village board and OCED so that problems related to design will be known and addressed quickly. He also stated the library will need to meet State Education Department standards.

Mr. Conrad asked what the benefits are to being a school district library.

Ms. White stated that the library was incorporated as a school district library in the 1800's and chartered to serve the Fairport Central School District service area. This does not mean the school district oversees the library; the library is independent of the municipality. The public votes on the library budget and elects trustees during the school budget election.

Ms. Gilbert stated that Fairport is the only library in Monroe County that is a school district library. Other county libraries are town departments with their boards appointed by the town. We are autonomous.

There being no other comments or questions, the Public Comment period ended at 7:21 p.m. Ms. Puckett thanked the visitors for their input.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Suzanne Stockman to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting (February 2008.)

Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Beth Puckett and seconded by Suzanne Stockman to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2008.

Motion carried 4-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Gilbert thanked Lin Macholz, Tori Reilly, Sharon Kelly, and Jan Hadeed for planning and executing Staff Training Day. She thanked the Board for making it possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget – Ms. White stated that last month the Board reviewed the 2008-09 budget proposal. The Board will vote on this under New Business. She thanked Ms. Reilly for her work on the budget. Dr. Vogt thanked Ms. White for chairing the group.

Facilities & Services – Mrs. Stockman stated that the NYSALB Institute will take place in Saratoga Springs this year. There will be a tour of the Clifton Half Moon Library, which is a “green” library. She encourages trustees to attend.

Personnel – No report.

Long Range Planning – No report.

Fairport Library Council – Ms. Puckett stated that the Readathon at Barnes & Noble was very successful. Fifty teens showed up to read and raised \$2300 for the Teen Book Festival. She reminded the Board that TBF will take place on Saturday, April 5 at Martha Brown Middle School.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Reserved for Executive Session. Dr. Vogt said that he has spoken with an attorney regarding the possibility of forming a Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Suzanne Stockman to adopt the 2008-09 budget as amended.

Motion carried 4-0.

WARRANTS

A motion was made by Beth Puckett and seconded by Beth White to accept the warrants as follows:

**\$ 18,242.82 dated February 7, 2008
48,489.71 dated February 28, 2008
23,356.13 dated March 5, 2008**

Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Vogt thanked the visitors for coming. Visitors left at 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Beth Puckett and seconded by Beth White to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss matters of property acquisition and contract negotiation.

Motion carried 4-0.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Beth Puckett and seconded by Beth White to come out of Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Website information – Minutes and Board Agendas will be added to the library website, as well as information pertaining to the building expansion or relocation. Ms. Reilly is setting up a mailing list to send out bulk email to people who are interested in receiving it.

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Beth Puckett to select SWBR as Architect subject to successful contract negotiation and attorney approval.

Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Suzanne Stockman and seconded by Beth Puckett to authorize the Board President to sign tax exempt documents and foundation documents with Harris, Beach, subject to tax exempt status.

Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Beth White and seconded by Beth Puckett to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Rapp". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Pat Rapp, Clerk to the Board