

The 829th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Elmont Public Library, Elmont Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead Nassau County, New York was held via teleconference and in person at the Elmont Memorial Library on September 24, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Livingstone Young, President at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Livingstone Young, President (present)
Ms. Gina Burnett, Vice President (via teleconference)
Ms. Ellice Bekier (via teleconference)
Ms. Monique Hardial (via teleconference)
Ms. Mimi PierreJohnson (present)
Ms. Suzanne Schatz (via teleconference)
Ms. Natasha Warburton Welch (via teleconference)

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Jean Simpson, Library Director(present)
Mr. Frank Marino, Advanced Consulting Corp. (present)
Tom Volz, Esq. Board Attorney (via teleconference)
Anthony Delucca, Esq. Board Attorney (via teleconference)
Ms. Catherine Antioco, Board Clerk (present)

Ms. Bekier moved to go into Executive Session at 7:05 to discuss personnel and legal matters. Seconded by Ms. Pierre Johnson.

Unanimously carried.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC

Agenda Items Only

There was no public present.

Meeting Room Requests

There were no meeting room requests for the Board's review and approval.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of August 27, 2020

The Minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCE

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2569 dated August 9, 2020 in the amount of \$49,747.74. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2570 dated August 23, 2020 in the amount of \$50,571.75. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve Bill Warrant #2571 dated September 6, 2020 in the amount of \$47,335.46. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve Bill Warrant #2572 dated September 10, 2020 in the amount of \$29,174.95. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve Bill Warrant #2573 dated September 24, 2020 in the amount of \$37,226.16. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve Board Appointees Warrant #2574 dated October 1, 2020 in the amount of \$15,204.66.
Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to approve the Credit Card Expense Report for the period July 31, 2020 through August 31, 2020.
Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Simpson reported. The Board Members were in possession of Ms. Simpson's report to the Board for September 2020 as well as reports from Youth Services and the Children's Departments.

Brief discussion regarding protocol if a patron refuses to wear a mask upon entering the Library. Counsel to advise.

Discussion regarding a grant application under the Town of Hempstead CARES Act Funding which is being prepared by the Business Manager..

We are seeing an increase in circulation and virtual services are being utilized by patrons.

Great Give Back Program is scheduled to start on October 17, 2020 in partnership with the Long Island Harvest and Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter..

Ms. Bekier moved to have the Director prepare the Public Health Emergency Plans proposal, subject to the approval of counsel.
Seconded by Ms. Pierre Johnson.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Hardial moved to hire Denzel George, part-time Page in the Adult Computer Area effective September 21, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$14.00. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

ADVANCED CONSULTING CORPORATION

Mr. Marino reported.

Brief discussion regarding the status of unserved area vote.

Accountant William Barrett and his staff continue to perform the Library's audit.

We have been nominated by Senator Kaplan to be the recipient of a 2019 State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant to cover capital project costs. Mr. Marino was directed to fill out the required grant application.

LEGAL

Mr. Volz reported.

Other than that discussed in Executive Session, he had nothing to add.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter received from a recipient of the Library's scholarship.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding fees payable to NLS for non-mandated services.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for the Board's consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 22, 2020, the time and venue to be determined. If necessary, the Board will convene into Executive Session followed by public session.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

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Respectfully submitted,


Catherine Antioco, Board Clerk