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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 28, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Marilou Joyner
Leon Dixon
Laura Dominik
Olivia Dorsey
Susie Kenney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Billie Howard Barnes
Rose Marie Bell

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Kristin Nelson, Development Director
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief
Financial Officer
Katie Stover, Director of Reader's Services
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Holman, BKD

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Motion by Dixon to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 regular Board, August 7, 2018 Operations Committee, August 7, 2018 Special Board, August 13, 2018 Building Oversight Committee, and August 14, 2018 Special Board meetings. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Coogan provided an update on Library programming events, including a special national program to be filmed in the Central Library in November.

Dorsey reported on the August 7, 2018 Operations Committee meeting. The Board discussed the proposed Library tax levy ballot question at the Committee meeting and voted to approve the tax levy ballot for public vote at the August 7, 2018 Special Board meeting.

Oñate Greim reported on the August 13, 2018 Building Oversight Committee meeting. The North-East branch renovation was discussed. Refugee and immigrant population needs were reviewed and meetings with the public will be scheduled to gather community feedback.

Motion by Dixon to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for July 2018: Payroll (07/19/18 net cash \$221,297 plus taxes \$79,687) and (08/02/18 net cash \$232,561 plus taxes \$84,337) total amount of \$617,882; General Expense Payments including Checks (#174494-174798), in the amount of \$1,738,636. (LBM 4291)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for July 2018. (LBM 4292)

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to re-affirm Library Board Policy 004 (Code of Ethics). Second by Joyner. Unanimously approved. (LBM 4293)

J. Kemper introduced Holman of BKD, LLP who presented a summary of the audit results noting that BKD anticipates issuing clean, unmodified opinion on the final financial statements. Holman explained the audit will be complete upon receipt of property tax incentive disclosures and review and possible adjustments for GASB 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4294)

Faris reported a 41% increase over last year's Summer Reading Program participation, noting families reading together as a contributor to the success. The goal of reading 10,000 books this summer was exceeded by over 3,000 books.

Nelson announced that an additional \$200,000 grant was awarded to the Library from IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). The Library is considered to be a leader in using learning circles in the P2PU (Peer to Peer University).

C. Kemper provided an update on the Library tax levy process. He and Siragusa are planning meetings with staff and additional information is being developed to share with the public. There has been an overall positive response to the levy.

Motion to adjourn by Dorsey. Second by Oñate Greim. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Secretary

Date