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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –July 26, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Claudia Oñate Greim
Billie Howard Barnes
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Marilou Joyner
Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and
Community Engagement
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Ritchie Momon, Director of Branch Operations & Event Space
Management
Kristin Nelson, Development Director
Angela Ryan, Senior Financial Accountant
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief
Financial Officer
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt
Madelyn Walter
Eugene Lowry
Ken Bohanan
Michael Romeo

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Joyner arrived at 4:33 p.m.

J. Kemper introduced Gene Lowry, former President of the Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016 Finance and Audit Committee meeting, June 21, 2016 regular Board meeting and June 22, 2016 Special meeting for Board Retreat. Second by Howard Barnes. 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.)

Mayta gave a report on the June 21st Finance and Audit Committee Meeting. The committee reviewed the preliminary budget for FY16-17. Refinancing of the Library Building Corporation Bonds were discussed.

C. Kemper discussed the Library FY16 budget deficit. Additional employee retirements and tax revenues not received by end of the fiscal year attributed to the deficit. J. Kemper inquired of protested tax process. Siragusa described Jackson County protested tax process.

Motion by Oñate Greim to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Joyner. 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 June 2016: Payroll (06/23/16 net cash \$216,952 plus taxes \$86,558) and (07/07/16 net cash \$230,784 plus taxes \$107,180), total amount of \$641,474; General Expense Payments including Checks (#168024-168319), in the amount of \$975,769. (LBM 4121)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for June 2016. (LBM 4122)

Motion by Joyner to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Monroe Dodd for the preparation of a biography of Alvin Sykes at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, contingent on donor funding. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4123)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the payment of \$586,048.64 to the Public School Retirement System on or before December 31, 2016, as the Library's contribution for the 2015 calendar year. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4124)

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4125)

The Library joined with local organizations in support of a Property Tax Abatement letter requesting opportunity to discuss tax abatement issues with civic groups.

J. Kemper and Dorsey expressed their appreciation of the June Board Retreat, noting the facilitator and SOAR Analysis work provided by Library Executive staff.

Momons, Director of Branch Operations & Event Space Management was recognized. Momons retired from the Kansas City Public Library in July. He has worked at the Library for 35 years.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Secretary

Date