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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting — October 19, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the Plaza Branch Library, 4801 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Rose Marie Bell
Fran Daniel
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes
Claudia Oñate Greim

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Caulfield

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Administrative Officer
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Dorothy Elliott, Deputy Executive Director for Branch and
Outreach Services
Jordan Fields, Digital Project Manager
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication
Helma Hawkins, Director of Youth Services
Joel Jones, Plaza Branch Manager
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Assistant
April Roy, Plaza Branch Children's Librarian
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Kaite Stover, Head of Reader Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Lopez
Rena Price
Jim Staley
Rachel Torre
Terry Ward

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and the September 28, 2010 regular Board meeting. Second by Bell. 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.)

Motion by Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Howard Barnes. 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 September 2010: Payroll (09/23/10 net cash \$197,937 plus taxes \$79,812) and (10/07/10 net cash \$201,700 plus taxes \$77,146), total amount of \$556,595; General Expense Payments including Checks (#149110-149412), in the amount of \$880,593. (LBM 3611)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for September 2010. (LBM 3612)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract with and/or make payment to the attached list of vendors in amounts not exceed those detailed in the attached list of vendors. (LBM 3613)

Daniel arrived at 4:35 p.m.

J. Kemper requested that the copies of press clippings from the Public Affairs department be distributed to the Board in black and white when possible to reduce copy costs.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to reappoint Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner to the Public School Retirement System of the School District of Kansas City, Missouri. Second by Daniel. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3614)

C. Kemper stated that the Library would request an independent actuary review the actuarial data and assumptions of the Public School Retirement System of the School District of Kansas City, Missouri. J. Kemper suggested that the Board also periodically review the retirement and other benefits offered by the Library. C. Kemper stated that this information would be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Motion by Mayta to accept the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize purchase of software from Vital Support Systems at a cost not to exceed \$19,199.10. Second by Daniel. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3615)

Motion by Howard Barnes to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize purchase of public computers from World Wide Technology at a cost not to exceed \$29,646.70. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3616)

Jones introduced Roy, who gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees on services that the Library offered to families that home schooled their children, including national, state and local statistics on home school students. Roy introduced Renae Price, who home schools her children and uses the Library's resources to assist with their home school education. Price suggested that a more open space, where home school students can be more active without disturbing other Library patrons, would be helpful. Also, a room with better acoustics would also be helpful. She also suggested that check-out limits on educational DVD selection be raised, as the materials are being used for home school education, not entertainment. C. Kemper suggested that home school parents might be given a teacher designation on their Library card to address some of the check-out issues.

Price stated that she had provided a list of suggestions that would be helpful to home school activities in the Library to Roy.

Terry Ward discussed his research on the impact of diversion and tax abatement of property tax on the Kansas City Public Library. He stated that a similar study had been done for the Library in 2007, and that the research was repeated in 2009. His research found that, while assessed valuations in Missouri were declining, the amount of impacted assessed valuation went up by 20%, and that the use of economic incentives tied to property tax adjustments continues to grow. Using the Kansas City Missouri Public School District to approximate the impact of diversion and tax abatement on the Kansas City Public Library's revenue, he estimates that \$3,191,000 in Library revenue was impacted in 2009. Ward recommended that his research be given to Governor Nixon's task force on tax credits, and that the Library continue with its plans to work with other libraries to develop prototype legislation for the next legislative session.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report for September 2010 (LBM 3617). C. Kemper stated that there would likely be a presentation about the Library's "Community of Readers" goals at the next Board meeting.

Motion by Mayta to adjourn. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Secretary

Date