

Bement Public Library District Board Meeting  
February 18, 2025

Board Vice President Jerry Watzlawick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Director Donna Techau and Board Trustees Bill Gallagher, Jill Lawson, Connie Kinsella, and Kenneth Wright were present. Trustees Mary Postlewait and Gail Wright were absent.

Bill Gallagher made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ken Wright seconded the motion, and all trustees present voted aye.

In old business, Director Techau presented the Illinois State Comptroller 2024 Annual Financial Report to the board for approval. Bill Gallagher made a motion to approve the report, and Jill Lawson seconded the motion. All trustees present voted aye.

Board secretary Connie Kinsella submitted the final draft of the Board's evaluation of library director Donna Techau. Donna was rated as outstanding in all areas, and board members expressed appreciation for her excellent performance. Director Techau reported that the mandatory staff training in January went well and was well-received by staff. With regard to storage solutions, Director Techau provided a list of items currently being stored in the rental unit. This is just the beginning stage of investigating options for alternative storage solutions, and more information will be forthcoming. Director Techau informed the board that the Children's Programming Coordinator Katie Levitt has resigned. The library has received a few promising applicants for the vacant position.

To help pay some upcoming bills, it was recommended by the Director and Board Treasurer to transfer funds from two Certificates of Deposit to the library's checking account. Trustee Jill Lawson made a motion to cash in two CD's worth \$17,000 and transfer those funds to the library checking account. Connie Kinsella seconded the motion, and all trustees present voted aye.

In new business, Director Techau alerted the board that she made some changes to the staff job descriptions at the recommendation of the consultant who conducted the January staff training. An updated list of summer programming events was shared with the board and is currently coming in under budget. Donna informed the board that she will be emailing them a document to review detailing the library's legal response to immigration law enforcement if they were to enter the grounds. Director Techau shared that she was interviewed by a reporter from the Boston Globe who is writing a story about libraries.

With no further business, Bill Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Jerry Watzlawick seconded the motion, and all trustees present voted aye.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the library.

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Connie Kinsella, Board Secretary