

Commack Public Library Board of Trustees
Unapproved Minutes
September 19, 2023

Present: Ms. Albano, Mr. Elvezio, Mr Fitzgerald, Mr. Hartman, Ms. Kugler-Bode and Ms. Rosenthal

Absent: Mr. Gonzalez, with prior excuse

Guests: Mr. Dan Fusco, Commack Public Library Patron
Ms. Lisa Cavallaro, Commack Public Library Staff Member

Mr. Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Elvezio moved that Rona I. Kugler-Bode be appointed to the Commack Public Library Board of Trustees, effective September 19, 2023, to fulfill the vacancy created by the resignation of Arthur Emsig until the next annual election.

Mr. Fitzgerald seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode was sworn in.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 15, 2023 be approved as presented. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Three yeas, one abstention. Motion carried.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the Board enter into executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Services Law. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the Board re-enter into regular session at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the schedule of bills in the sums of \$9,372.15 and \$79,959.57 be paid as presented. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved that the Director's Report be approved as presented. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Kugler-Bode moved that the Assistant Director's Report be approved as presented. Mr. Elvezio seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved the following additional bills be paid as presented:

Directors Discretionary \$620.26
Payroll #1 \$72,488.66
Payroll # 2 \$68,914.24
Employee Benefits \$61,821.07

Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved that the Commack Public Library continue to participate in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Employee Assistance Program for the 2023-2024 School Year at a cost of \$42.25 per employee (50 employees) for a total cost of \$2,112.50. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elvezio moved the following resolution:

Upon the recommendation of Robert Cohen, Esq. and Mara Harvey, Esq and the library director Laurie Rosenthal and assistant library director Joanne Albano it is hereby resolved the Board of Trustees ratify and approve the memorandum of agreement by and between the Commack Public Library and UPSEU.

Mr. Fitzgerald seconded. Three yeas, one abstention (Ms. Kugler-Bode abstained since she was not on the Board of Trustees during contract negotiations). Motion carried.

Mr. Dan Fusco, Commack Public Library patron asked a question regarding the library's membership to the American Library Association.

The date and time of the next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Ms. Kugler-Bode seconded. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Albano

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