

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
July 16, 2015

The State Library Board met July 16, 2015 in Conference Room D of the State Library, 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Mr. John Myles, President; Ms. Jennifer McKell, Vice-President; Ms. Krista Taracuk; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Matthew Dyer, Office of Budget and Management; Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Christine Morris, OHIONET; and Stephen Hedges, OPLIN.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Missy Lodge, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Andy Ingraham Dwyer, Stephanie Herriott, Kirstin Krumsee, Jen Johnson, Katy Klettlinger, Jamie Pardee, Mandy Knapp, Judith Cosgray, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Tracy Grimm, Anne Libby, Nicole Merriman, Cheryl Lubow, and Ann Watson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-20-15) that the minutes of the May 28, 2015 Board meeting be approved.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "aye."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Doug Evans, Executive Director of the Ohio Library Council (OLC), provided the Board with an OLC budget and Public Library Fund (PLF) update. Gov. Kasich signed the 2,900 page budget bill with 4,500 amendments on June 30, 2015 with 44 line-item vetoes. The budget increased the PLF to 1.7% of the General Revenue Fund, which became effective last week. The new funding level generated \$6.7 million more in July 2015 than in July of 2014. Mr. Evans mentioned that the Department of Taxation projections for the PLF are incorrect and he is advising libraries not to use those projected amounts in their budgeting process. The increase could mean public libraries see an increase of \$45 million in the next two years. He explained that OLC had been watching three items closely in the budget that were vetoed dealing with the tangible personal property tax phase out which affects some libraries in the state. OLC continues to scour the budget bill to look for other impacts on Ohio libraries.

Mr. Myles took a few moments to note the passing of Floyd Dickman on June 14, 2015. Mr. Dickman retired from the State Library of Ohio in 1999 after 23 years of service. He then continued to serve as an advocate for library services to children and for children's literature. He taught classes at Kent State University, Ohio Dominican University, and Otterbein University and passed along the importance of children's literature and librarianship. He was also a supporter of the Mazza Museum. Included in many awards and honors were the 1990 OLA Ohio Librarian of the Year Award and the OELMA Presidential Award in 2007. The State Library Board sends its condolences to Floyd's family. Mr. Myles asked those in attendance to join in a moment of silence in honor of Floyd's memory.

LSTA REPORT

LSTA Advisory Council Appointments

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, presented to the Board the candidates to be considered for reappointment to the LSTA Advisory Council. Ms. Lodge explained that these appointments will bring the Advisory Council back up to fifteen members.

Ms. McKell moved (M-21-15) that the following individuals be appointed to the LSTA Advisory Council for a three-year term (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018):

Thomas Adkins, Director
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County

Jason Buydos, Director
Louisville Public Library

Steve Marine, Associate Dean of Special Collections
University of Cincinnati Libraries (Emeritus)

Ms. Taracuk seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting “yes.”

Ms. Lodge added that the competitive LSTA grant round for 2016 was announced that morning. Recommended proposals will come before the board for approval at the December Board meeting.

STATE LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

ALA Annual Update

Six State Library staff attended the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. Ms. Cain asked Matthew Dyer, former Human Resources Manager at the State Library, to give a presentation about his experiences. Mr. Dyer shared his “journey to ALA.” He highlighted major events in his life that led him to his position at the State Library which culminated with his trip to the ALA Annual Conference during Pride Week in San Francisco. He gave a brief summary of events at the conference. Mr. Dyer said what he learned from the conference was how important the work librarians do is and he can’t think of a more noble profession.

Board Development

Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Youth Services Consultant, gave a presentation to the Board about her trip to Doha, Qatar. Ms. Ingraham Dwyer was invited to co-present an early literacy workshop for librarians, publishers, museum educators, and teachers at the Qatar National Library through her work with Ohio Ready to Read. The workshop, called Early Literacy 101, highlighted the importance of building the skills for early literacy that get children ready to read. This workshop is also offered to libraries in Ohio. Ms. Ingraham Dwyer also gave the board a brief overview of Qatar National Library and Qatar as a whole.

Budget Update

Jamie Pardee, Head of Fiscal Services, provided the Board with an update on the state budget. The State Library was flat funded in the Governor’s budget. INFOhio and OhioLINK received cuts to their budgets. The union raises were not taken into consideration in the State Library

budget. The Office of Budget and Management sent a memo regarding the raises saying that an increase will be given to cover a portion of the raises. Ms. Pardee explained that Ohioana was included in the State Library at one point in the budget process but they are separate in the final budget. The DataOhio Initiative could increase the State Library's funding if passed.

New Employee Introductions

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, introduced two new State Library employees to the board. Stephanie Herriott joined the State Library from DAS as the new Human Resources Manager on July 13. Most recently, Ms. Herriott has been working on LEAD Ohio, which is training for new supervisors for the State of Ohio. She's also worked for the Department of Education and The Ohio State University. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and French from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and her Master of Science in Education from Syracuse University.

Andy Ingraham Dwyer was promoted to Chief Information Officer with a start date of July 27. Mr. Ingraham Dwyer has been an Infrastructure Specialist 2 for the State Library of Ohio since December 2012. He has also owns and operates his own computer consulting business. He worked in IT for School Study Council of Ohio and America Online. He studied Computer Science at George Mason University.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Bucyrus Public Library Boundaries

Bill Morris, Government Affairs Coordinator, presented the Board with documents from Bucyrus Public Library requesting a redefinition of the library's boundaries. Bucyrus Public Library is a municipal library in Crawford County. The library would like to have a levy on the ballot next spring. Mr. Morris showed a map of the current boundaries and proposed changes. Other libraries in the county are concerned that the change of boundary will affect the PLF. Mr. Morris suggested the Board table the issue until September. There was a discussion about the effects of the proposed changes and the upcoming levy on other libraries in the county. No action was taken on the proposed boundaries and the issue will be considered at a future time.

Henderson Memorial Public Library Boundaries

Mr. Morris presented the Board with documents from Henderson Memorial Library requesting the establishment of a library district. He presented a map showing the proposed library district.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-22-15) that the State Library Board proposed the establishment, pursuant to Revised Code Section 3375.01 (1), of a library district benefitting the Henderson Memorial Library of Jefferson, Ohio consisting of the following:

Jefferson Township and the Village of Jefferson

Ms. McKell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "aye."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-23-15) at 11:15 a.m. that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Ms. Arp voting "aye."

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:52 p.m.

LUNCH

Ethics Training E-Course

The Board and staff ate lunch, watched an Ethics Training E-Course on public contracts, and informally discussed matters related to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 1:30 p.m.

President

Secretary

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