

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
September 17, 2015

The State Library Board met September 17, 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 10:03 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Mr. John Myles, President; Ms. Jennifer McKell, Vice-President; Ms. Krista Taracuk; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Alexa Elgabri, KSU-SLIS/practicum student; Michael Butler, OhioNET; Stephen Hedges, OPLIN; Christine Morris, OhioNET; Brenda Crider, Bucyrus Public Library; Sandra Shields, Bucyrus Public Library; and Michelle Francis, OLC.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Evan Struble; Mandy Knapp; Kirstin Krumsee; Missy Lodge; Nicole Merriman; Marsha McDevitt-Stredney; Tracy Grimm; Josh Jones; Shannon Kupfer; Cindy Boyden; Gregg Gassman; Cheryl Lubow; Dianna Clark; Andy Ingraham Dwyer; Janet Ingraham Dwyer; and Ann Watson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McKell moved (M-24-15) that the minutes of the July 16, 2015 Board meeting be approved.

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

Mr. Myles took a few moments to note the passing of former Deputy State Librarian Roger VERNY. Mr. VERNY was devoted to supporting library services to all Ohioans, including the automation of school libraries and the LCO partnership through LSTA. His leadership was a great asset to the Ohio library community. He retired from the State Library in 2009. Mr. Myles asked those in attendance to join in a moment of silence in honor of Mr. VERNY's memory.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

LSTA REPORT

KnowItNow Discussion

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, led a discussion on the future of KnowItNow funding. Ms. Lodge explained that current funding would expire on December 31, 2015. There has been a steady decrease in usage, particularly in the last three years. Additionally, about half of KnowItNow questions are now being answered by Chatstaff rather than Ohio. Ms. Lodge explained that KnowItNow started as a vision that ended up being an extremely successful hallmark program that served Ohio very well. However, virtual reference is no longer a unique visionary activity. Ms. Taracuk asked what kind of funds it would take to fund the project. Ms. Lodge said it was unclear, since the work would be done by Chatstaff rather than Ohio libraries. Ms. Cain explained that libraries do not have the staff anymore to participate and academic libraries no longer participate, either. The Board agreed that now is the time for KnowItNow's natural end and that the funds could be used for other projects. Ms. Lodge said there were three options: fund KnowItNow for another year, move to cease funding, or do

nothing and KnowItNow would naturally sunset. The Board wished to commend Don Boozer and the providers for the work they have done over the years.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-25-15) to cease funding of KnowItNow with LSTA funds as of December 31, 2015 in cooperation with Cleveland Public Library.

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

STATE LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Practicum Student Introduction

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, introduced a practicum student to the Board. Alexa Elgabri is working with Shannon Kupfer, Digital and Tangible Media Cataloger. Ms. Elgabri is a student at Kent State University School of Library and Information Science who works at Upper Arlington Public Library and is interested in technology and digitization and preservation.

New Employee Introduction

Ms. Cain introduced a new State Library employee to the Board. Cindy Boyden was promoted to library consultant on September 8. Ms. Boyden will be responsible for LSTA programmatic and fiscal duties and will work with public libraries on strategic planning. She was practicum student at the State Library and was later hired as a library assistant in circulation in December 2014. Ms. Boyden also worked as a circulation assistant at Worthington Public Library and as a library assistant at the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Discussion of Time for the October 29th Meeting

Ms. Cain explained that the October 29th meeting will be held in conjunction with the final day of ILEAD USA at Mohican Lodge and Conference Center. The time options for the Board meeting are 8:00 a.m. before ILEAD or in the afternoon after ILEAD. After discussion, the Board decided to hold the meeting in the afternoon.

UNFINISHED 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 one of three public libraries in Crawford County. Brenda Crider and Sandra Shields from Bucyrus Public Library were present to answer questions. 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. The changes would bring the libraries population from 11,973 to 19,170. The two other libraries in the county were concerned that there would be a change in the Public Library Fund (PLF), but the Bucyrus Public Library Board passed a motion that explained that they will not request any additional PLF for eight years.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-26-15) that the State Library Board proposes that the Bucyrus Public Library boundaries be redefined to include the following:

Bucyrus, Dallas (excluding the portion that is Ridgedale School District), Holmes, Liberty, Tod (excluding those portions that are Upper Sandusky School District), Texas (excluding the portion that is Mohawk School District), Lykens, and Whetstone from Monnett-

Chapel Road East to Shearer Road North to S.R 19 East to S.R. 602 North to Crestline Road East to Beck Road North to Lower-Leesville Road West to S.R 602 to the Whetstone Township Border.

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

Henderson Memorial Public Library Boundaries

Mr. Morris stated that the State Library received no requests for a hearing regarding the boundary reaffirmation of the Henderson Memorial Public Library that the Board proposed at the July 16, 2015 meeting.

Ms. McKell moved (M-27-15) for adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 15-2

Reaffirmation of the Henderson Memorial Public Library Boundaries

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Henderson Memorial Public Library, Jefferson, Ohio has at a regular meeting of the board on July 14, 2015 requested a reaffirmation of the boundaries of the Henderson Memorial Public Library; and

WHEREAS, said application for such action by the State Library Board has been properly filed, and has been reviewed and considered by the State Library Board in accordance with procedures established in Section 3375-4-05 of the State Library Board Administrative Rules;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Library Board, acting under its power in section 3375.01 (I) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with procedures established in its Administrative Rules, establishes a library district benefiting the Henderson Memorial Public Library consisting of the following:

Jefferson Township and the Village of Jefferson

And note that all references to political subdivisions refer to such subdivisions as constituted on this date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Librarian is directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Ashtabula County Auditor, Ashtabula County Board of Elections, Ashtabula County Commissioners; Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas; Henderson Memorial Public Library; Ashtabula County District Library; Andover Public Library; Conneaut Public Library; Grand Valley Public Library; Harbor-Topky Memorial Library; Kingsville Public Library and Rock Creek Public Library.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cain shared that OverDrive was advertising that Ohioans could visit the State Library's website and apply for a statewide library card. There is no statewide library card, though any Ohio resident may apply for a State Library card. Mandy Knapp, Library Consultant, has been in communication with OverDrive to resolve the situation and Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Director of Marketing and Communications, drafted an email that was sent to all public library directors alerting them to the situation.

Mr. Myles wished to thank Kirstin Krumsee, Library Consultant, for her work on the KnowItNow slides that were presented to the Board and for her previous work on a KnowItNow Marketing Plan.

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 12:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

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