

**MINUTES**  
**STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**March 17, 2016**

The State Library Board met March 17, 2016 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: Ms. Jennifer McKell, President; Ms. Krista Taracuk, Vice-President; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; and Mr. Michael Merz.

Visitors present were: Michael Butler, OhioNET; Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Christine Morris, OhioNET; and Stephen Hedges, OPLIN.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Anne Libby, Jen Johnson, Missy Lodge, Kirstin Krumsee, Tracy Grimm, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Ann Watson, Nicole Merriman, Jamie Pardee, and Gregg Gassman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Deters moved (M-5-16) that the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Board meeting be approved.

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

**LSTA REPORT**

**LSTA Advisory Council Appointment**

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, noted that there was one vacancy on the LSTA Advisory Council and that they would like to fill that vacancy before they move ahead with the LSTA Five-Year Evaluation. Ms. Lodge presented to the Board John Myles for appointment to the LSTA Advisory Council.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-6-16) that John Myles be appointed to the LSTA Advisory Council for a three year term (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2019).

Mr. Merz seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Mr. Merz voting "yes."

**Updates on Special Grant Programs**

Cindy Boyden, LSTA Coordinator, provided the Board with an update on special LSTA grant programs. Ms. Boyden told the Board that within the last six months, ten Open Grants with a maximum award of \$4,999 have been awarded for such projects as local music collections, circulating STEM kits, and LEGO robotics. Fourteen Summer Reading Program grants were also awarded for a total of \$15,034. State Library consultants have been promoting the LSTA Open Grant program on their visits. Ms. Boyden explained that RFPs for the competitive grant program are being revised and will be released in the next few weeks. A new grant program for TV Whitespace Grants providing up to \$10,500 for internet connectivity to communities who otherwise would not have it is available now with proposals due April 15 and June 15. Ms. Boyden and Ms. Lodge are attending the IMLS Annual Convening next month. The next LSTA Advisory Council meeting is May 31.

## **STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

### **Building Update**

Ann Watson, Associate State Librarian for Library Services, provided the Board with an update on building improvements happening at the State Library. New carpet installation and painting begins on May 9. The project should be complete in two weeks. Ms. Watson explained that Kent State University School of Library and Information Science has given the State Library the funds to have museum quality custom display cabinets made. The cabinets should be installed by the beginning of July. Today, some picture frame railing is being installed in the Kent State University hallway and some electrical work is being done. Ms. Watson plans to order new soft furniture through Ohio Penal Industries (OPI) as the budget allows.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Bettsville Public Library Boundaries**

Bill Morris, Government Affairs Coordinator, presented the Board with documents to reaffirm the boundaries for Bettsville Public Library and Tiffin-Seneca Public Library. Bettsville Public Library plans to put a levy on the ballot and need the boundaries reaffirmed in order to do so.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-7-16) that that the State Library Board, in response to the consolidation of the Bettsville Local School District into the Old Fort Local School District, proposes to reaffirm the boundaries of the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Tiffin, Ohio and the Bettsville Public Library, Bettsville, Ohio to be composed as follows:

The Tiffin-Seneca Public Library boundaries be reaffirmed to include the following:

- Tiffin City School District
- New Riegel Local School District
- Old Fort Local School District, that portion within Seneca County, excluding the former Bettsville Local School District
- Fostoria City School District, that portion within Seneca County and outside the municipality of Fostoria
- Hopewell Loudon Local School District, excluding that portion of the municipality of Fostoria within Hopewell Loudon Local School District
- Lakota Local School District, that portion within Seneca County, excluding that portion of the municipality of Fostoria within Lakota Local School District.

The Bettsville Public library boundaries be reaffirmed to include the former Bettsville Local School District.

Mr. Merz seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Mr. Merz voting "yes."

#### **National Library Week and National Library Workers Day Resolution**

Ms. Deters moved (M-8-16) that the Board approve the following resolution recognizing National Library Week and National Library Workers Day:

WHEREAS, libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all and libraries are part of the American dream, places for education, opportunity and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Ohio libraries provide a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand each other and ourselves; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, librarians design and offer programs to meet their community's economic needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, interviewing workshops and job seeking resources; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library support staff bring Ohioans a world of knowledge in person and online, as well as personal service and expert assistance in finding what is needed when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Ohioans and provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans and Ohio libraries benefit from the resources, services, and support provided by the State Library of Ohio and the library's dedicated staff; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week and National Library Workers Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, March 17, 2016, the State Library Board proclaims National Library Week, April 10 – 16, 2016, and National Library Workers Day, April 12, 2016, and encourages all Ohio residents to visit their libraries or library websites this week to take advantage of the variety of library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for their exceptional contributions to American life.

Ms. Taracuk seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Mr. Merz voting "aye."

### **Deaf History Month Resolution**

Ms. Lodge explained that the State Library was approached two months ago by the Citizens for Deaf Culture about starting a deaf culture library. Ms. Watson and Nicole Merriman, Head, Research and Catalog Services, have compiled an annotated bibliography of the deaf collection that the State Library has on site and also put together statistics about deaf citizens in Ohio that will be posted on the State Library's website. Ms. Taracuk asked how in-depth the collection is. Ms. Watson said that the majority came from the Ohio School for the Deaf and it is a robust teaching collection with about 1,000 items. The State Library plans to purchase new materials to update the collection. The collection is geared toward K-12. A representative from the Ohio School for the Deaf weeded the collection last summer.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-9-16) that the Board approve the following resolution recognizing National Deaf History Month:

**WHEREAS**, National Deaf History Month covers the period March 13 to April 15; and

**WHEREAS**, National Deaf History Month celebrates deaf history and the contributions of the hearing impaired and deaf community to American society; and

**WHEREAS**, National Deaf History Month was the creation of two deaf employees at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library in Washington DC; and

**WHEREAS**, The State Library of Ohio has a longstanding partnership with the Ohio School for the Deaf, working together to provide information for and about people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Ohioans and provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, disability or socioeconomic background; and

**WHEREAS**, many libraries in Ohio and across America are celebrating National Deaf History Month with a variety of special displays, programs, or events;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this day, March 17, 2016, the State Library Board proclaims National Deaf History Month, March 13 – April 15, 2016, and encourages Ohio libraries to host deaf awareness activities during this month-long celebration.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Deters, and Mr. Merz voting "aye."

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 10:25 a.m.

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President

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Secretary

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