

**MINUTES**  
**STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**July 21, 2016**

The State Library Board met July 21, 2016 in the Chase Room of the Holiday Inn Worthington, 7007 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The business meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Ms. Krista Taracuk, Vice-President; Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp; Mr. Michael Merz; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Mariana Branch, Kingsville Public Library; Jim Hernandez, Kingsville Public Library; Stephen Hedges, OPLIN; Therese Terndrup, KSU-SLIS practicum student; Theresa Fredericka, INFOhio; Christine Morris, OhioNET; and Barry McKew, Attorney General's Office.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Stephanie Herriott, Cindy Boyden, Evan Struble, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Ann Watson, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, and Missy Lodge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Merz moved (M-22-16) that the minutes of the March 17, 2016 Board meeting be approved.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mariana Branch, Director of Kingsville Public Library, introduced herself and Jim Hernandez, Vice President of the Kingsville Public Library Board, who were attending because they had a boundary issue on the agenda.

**LSTA REPORT**

There was no LSTA Report.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, introduced a Kent State University School of Library and Information Science practicum student to the board. Therese Terndrup is splitting her time between Library Programs and Development and Cataloging and Digitization areas. Ms. Terndrup works in technical services at the Upper Arlington Public Library in Archives, Digitization, and Special Collections.

Ms. Cain shared the budget guidance for the 2018-2019 biennium. The State Library can request 90% of the current budget and can request up to 10% more. For the last several years, the State Library has been successful at attaining the extra 10% to achieve flat funding.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Kingsville Public Library Boundaries**

Bill Morris, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, presented the Board with a map and information pertaining to a request from Kingsville Public Library to redefine their boundaries to include all of Buckeye Local School District. Mr. Morris started with an overview and history of the eight library systems in the county. He explained that there has been a long and tense history over library boundaries. The State Library Board has been addressing boundary definitions and redefinitions as needed in Ashtabula County. In 1976, Ashtabula County District Library (ACDL) came to the State Library Board to have their boundaries defined. The State Library Board's decision was appealed by the Kingsville Library, and the court upheld the Board's decision. More recently, representatives from the State Library have visited the county several times to discuss the recurring boundary issues. Mr. Morris explained that any library in a county has to provide services to the residents of that county due to receiving state funds through the PLF. Kingsville Public Library is closely aligned with the Buckeye Local School District because they are their taxing authority and they appoint their board, but their boundary does not coincide with the school district boundary and they are not the only school district library with territory not equal to their school district. ACDL provides automated library access for the high schools in the county. A majority of the libraries in Ashtabula County, including Kingsville Public Library, are automated through CLEVNET, which does not provide service to schools. ACDL is on a standalone automation system. Mr. Morris explained that ACDL's levy was very close and it is possible that the loss in territory would cause the levy to fail in its next renewal. There is no guarantee that the residents of this area, who supported ACDL's levy, would support a levy for the Kingsville Library, which might cause Kingsville's levy renewal to fail. Also, if Kingsville's request were to be approved, it would significantly lower Kingsville's per-capita revenue because Kingsville would be required to serve a larger population. The State Library recommended that the Board deny Kingsville's request for boundary redefinition because it would harm library services in the county rather than help them. It is okay for both libraries to continue to serve the patrons in the area in question.

Mr. Merz moved (M-23-16) that the State Library Board, in response to the request of the Kingsville Public Library Board of Trustees dated April 9, 2012 to redefine their library boundaries to include all of the Buckeye Local School District, proposes the request be disapproved.

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

### **Pay Raise for State Librarian and Associate State Librarians**

Stephanie Herriott, Human Resources Administrator, explained that all state personnel except for directors and assistant directors received a 2.5% increase in pay this year. That same pay increase for the State Library's State Librarian and two Associate State Librarians needs to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Merz moved (M-24-16) that the biennium budget (HB 64) awards State of Ohio E-1 employees a 2.5% salary increase beginning on the first day of the pay period that includes July 1, 2016 and allows increases up to 2.5% for other exempt state employees, the State Library

Board, in accordance with the duties assigned by Ohio Revised Code Sections 124.01 and 124.15, approves adjusting the compensation of the State Librarian, Associate State Librarian for Library Programs and Associate State Librarian for Library Services to reflect a 2.5% salary increase for each employee beginning with the pay period that includes July 1, 2016.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 11:04 a.m.

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President

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Secretary

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