

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting via Zoom
June 16, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 P.M.

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION: Provided by Ms. Acerbo

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Ms. Acerbo stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was provided by way of the Burlington County Times, the Courier Post, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

Gina Acerbo - present
Beth Demaio - *absent*
Noreen Duffey - present
Susan Fortuna – present
Nick Moustakas – present
Fredda Sacharow – present
McKenna Samson - *absent*
Stephanie Sawyer – *absent*
Walter Stridick - present

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.
Becky Boydston
Gayle McCormick

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of May 19, 2021 minutes of meeting, both Regular Session and Executive Session:
Motion: Ms. Duffey, 2nd Ms. Sacharow
All in Favor

APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:

Motion: Mr. Moustakas , 2nd Mr. Stridick
Roll Call: 6 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Library's Open Status

Ms. Boydston said masks are not required in the library for vaccinated individuals but some vaccinated staff members continue to wear masks in the public areas of the building. Furniture which had been moved to a storage area to encourage social distancing is now being moved back for public use.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading programs launch on Friday, June 18th. Activities and reading lists have been coordinated with those offered by the Mount Laurel School District after meeting with Christina Fletcher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction.

Staff Changes

Youth Services Librarian, Lindsay Szul, resigned after accepting a position at Burlington County Library. Based on a survey of other libraries in the area, our starting salaries for librarians are not competitive. Ms. Boydston was able to make adjustments to pay scale within our current budget. All open positions have been filled with two new employees set to start next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2021-021: Adopt Change to Group Study Room Policy

Last March a construction project was completed to convert one room into two smaller rooms for group study. Due to the pandemic, the rooms had not been used but they are now ready. Ms. Boydston proposed to change existing policy to include three study rooms instead of just one.

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Mr. Moustakas

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2021-022: Authorization to Sell Surplus on Discover Books

This is a continuation of periodic effort to remove outdated and otherwise unusable materials including books and DVDs from the library's collection since the last approval.

Motion to approve: Mr. Moustakas

2nd: Mr. Stridick

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

Resumption of In-Person Board Meetings

Regarding the topic of resuming in-person Board meetings, Ms. Boydston informally polled Trustees about their readiness to do so, noting that three Trustees were not present to comment. The consensus

was that, although there is willingness to resume in-person meetings now if others felt strongly about it, all Trustees agreed that waiting until after summer would be beneficial.

VERBAL RESOLUTION: Juneteenth Holiday

Mount Laurel Town Council has voted to observe Juneteenth (June 19th) by closing their offices Friday, June 18th because they are not open on Saturdays. Ms. Boydston proposed observing the holiday by closing the library on Saturday, June 19th.

Motion to approve: Mr. Moustakas

2nd: Ms. Duffey

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:22 PM: Mr. Moustakas

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

All in favor