

**Mount Laurel Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
June 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

6:04 PM

**FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION:**

Provided by Ms. Sawyer

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:**

Ms. Sawyer 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:**

Chris Bleiholder - *Present*

Noreen Duffey – *Present*

Denise Gamble – *Present*

Roger Gibson – *Present*

Kareem Pritchett – *Present*

Susan Rovi - *Present*

Fredda Sacharow – *Present*

Stephanie Sawyer – *Present*

Walter F. Stridick – *Present*

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ed Campbell, Esq.- Library Attorney

Becky Boydston- Library Director

Laureen Bacon- Library Administrative Assistant

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

Approval of May 17, 2023 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mrs. Gamble

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

**APPROVAL of the June 16, 2023 BILL LIST in the amount of \$53,274.50 and the June 21, 2023 BILL LIST**

**ADDENDUMS in the amount of \$41,087.86 and \$600.00:**

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Duffey

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

**REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:**

Ms. Boydston reported that Library has officially started its Summer Reading Program Activities. The Library will launch it's Summer Reading Challenge with a Launch Party on June 24. In addition to registering for the Summer Reading Challenge, the Library will have crafts, games, and other activities for children and families.

Ms. Boydston reported that the Library will begin installation of a raised garden bed outside where they will have programming around the produce grown in the garden.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2023-021 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS ON DISCOVER BOOKS

Motion to Approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Mr. Bleiholder

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

2023-023 ADOPT CHANGE TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Motion to Approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

2023-022 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Approve: Ms. Sacharow

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Bleiholder

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

**Executive Session 6:17p.m.**

**Return to Regular Session 6:25p.m.**

Ms. Gamble asked about a U.S. District court judge who recently ruled against a provision in a New Jersey statute prohibiting concealed weapons from being carried in "sensitive places" including libraries. Ms. Gamble asked if the Library had any plans to post signage regarding this order and it's implications. Library Attorney Ed Campbell advised that the Library should wait to see how other public facilities respond before making any definitive actions.

Ms. Gamble also noted that a local church has upcoming events that she thought the Library could partner with.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:36pm: Mr. Stridick

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Gamble

All in favor