

Minutes - Library Board of Control Special Meeting

August 19, 2022

The Evangeline Parish Library Board of Control met on Friday, August 19, 2022, at 3 p.m. at the main library on 916 West Main Street, Ville Platte, Louisiana 70586.

Board President Katy Marcantel called the meeting to order. Coates gave the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Board President Katy Marcantel, Board Vice President Gaynelle Coates, Board Members Faye Langley, Rella Joseph, and Sandra Salazar, Library Assistant Director Wesley Saunders, Police Jury President Bryan Vidrine, Staff Members Emily Fontenot, JoAnna Miller, Suzy Lemoine, and Lisa Godeaux, Friends of the Library Members Linda Lebsack and Paula Lafleur.

Marcantel asked if there were any public comments on the agenda items. Lebsack stated that she was saddened by Library Director William Holmes' resignation. Marcantel agreed and stated that Holmes had resigned for health reasons.

Miller called roll.

Coates moved to accept the resignation of Library Director Dr. William D. Holmes. Salazar seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Langley moved to remove Dr. William D. Holmes from the Evangeline Parish Public Library Special Fund Checking account & Passbook Savings account and cancel his credit card effective August 19, 2022. Salazar seconded, and the motion carried.

Marcantel stated that in the absence of a director, the staff had proposed a plan to continue operating the library system with the following administrative personnel:

-Wesley Saunders – Assistant Director will sign off payroll and monthly bills.

-Jo Anna Miller – Business Manager (Note: Made a request to the Police Jury and received permission to get assistance from Mindy Lalonde for the 2023 Budget.

-Emily Fontenot – Circulation Manager/ Scheduling/ ILL / Payroll

-Suzy Lemoine – Outreach/Promotion Coordinator

-Ted Lavergne – Facilities/ Security Manager

With the increase in duties, the request is made that the Board consider a pay increase of 6.5% for these staff members. This would cost the library approximately \$750/month for all five employees.

Marcantel stated that she felt it was very well worth it since these five employees would have extra duties. Marcantel asked for a motion to approve the proposed plan and pay increases.

Coates moved to approve the plan and pay increases. Salazar seconded, and the motion carried.

Lemoine listed several of the items that will be discussed/considered at the next regular Library Board of Control meeting as well as some of the upcoming library events. She expressed confidence that the library staff will be able to smoothly handle the upcoming events until a new library director is hired.

Marcantel stated that the process of hiring a new director would begin at the next meeting. Langley asked whether the Director Search Committee would remain the same. Marcantel stated that it would and asked for further comments.

Lemoine provided Board Members with an outline as well as a timeline of the process used in the previous director search. She stated that this was intended to help Board Members consider whether to use the same process again. Lemoine suggested that any changes Board Members felt needed to be made to the process could be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Marcantel stated that at the next regular meeting the Board will consider changing the dates and time of future meetings to make it easier for more members to attend.

Salazar moved to adjourn. Joseph seconded, and the motion carried.

The next Library Board of Control Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2022.