

MINUTES – *Special Board Meeting*
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Library and ZOOM

A. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members:

Bob LaRose called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Present:

Denué
Duncan
Harrison
Lafikes
LaRose (*at library*)
Nabe
Powell
Whittaker
Zupanci

Absent:

Bob LaRose stated “As the Board President I am determining that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the statewide COVID-19 disaster. This meeting is being recorded.”

B. Introduction of Guests:

Library Director Jill Schardt (*at library*); Development & Outreach Librarian Cary Harvengt (*at library*).

C. Public Comment:

None.

D. Committee Reports:

1) Personnel

Executive Session: [The Board may go into closed session to consider employment/appointment matters. [5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The Library Board reserves the right to return to open session to act on these matters).

Motion by Bob LaRose, seconded by Gary Denué, to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2c1 for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity (7:02 pm).

Motion carried.

Motion by Bob LaRose, seconded by Gloria Zupanci, to go back into Open Session (7:23 pm).

Motion carried.

Motion by Bob LaRose, seconded by Gary Denué, to change library service hours to the following, effective 10/18/2020, until further notice.

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9-6
Tuesday: 9-7
Wednesday: 9-6
Thursday: 9-6
Friday: 9-6
Saturday 9-5

Roll call:

Denué – yes
Duncan – yes
Harrison – yes
Lafikes – yes
Nabe – yes
Powell – yes
Whittaker – yes
Zupanci – yes
LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

Motion by Bob LaRose, seconded by Francie Powell, to permanently lay off our Adult Services Librarian effective 10/8/2020 due to the lack work resulting from COVID-19, and to pay her severance and offer her health insurance benefits through 10/31/2020.

Roll call:

Denué – yes
Duncan – abstain (due to technical issues)
Harrison – yes
Lafikes – yes
Nabe – yes
Powell – yes
Whittaker – yes
Zupanci – yes
LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

E. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sharon Whittaker, seconded by Gloria Zupanci. The meeting was adjourned by President LaRose at 7:28 pm.