

**Rochester Hills Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

June 12, 2023

- I. The Board of Trustees of the Rochester Hills Public Library held a regular meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023. The Vice-President called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm in the boardroom of the library. The presiding officer was Melinda Deel.

A quorum of the board was present including Bob Bonam, Anne Kucher, Julianne Reyes, and Chuck Stouffer.

Madge Lawson was absent due to medical reasons.

Guests included Library Director Julianne Morian, City of Rochester Liaison Alice Moo and Oakland Township Library President, Michael Tyler.

Four members of the public were present.

- II. Public Comments – None

- III. Minutes

- A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Mr. Stouffer seconded, the board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes from May 8, 2023 as presented.

- IV. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed.

- V. Monthly Bills

- A. On a motion by Mr. Bonam, which Ms. Kucher seconded, the board unanimously approved the monthly bills for May 2023, which totaled \$326,971.85.

- VI. Communications

- A. The board reviewed and filed the communications with some discussion on the request for use of space to serve as a regional voting site for early voting in general elections.
1. On a motion by Mr. Stouffer, which Ms. Reyes seconded, the board considered approving the municipalities (City of Rochester Hills, City of Rochester, and Oakland Township) request to use space within the library for early voting purposes for the November 2023 general election, pending the library attorney review.
 2. Board members were generally favorable to the concept of hosting the early voting service. But the board did express a preference to pilot this only for the election in November 2023, and wait on committing to future elections until after the election concludes and can be evaluated.
 3. The board and Ms. Morian expressed a preference to approve only the shortest amount of time necessary to reserve the space that would still fulfill the early voting site requirements.

4. The board would like some outstanding points to be addressed as a Memo of Understanding, among the municipalities requesting and/or Oakland County such as who can have access to the room in case of an emergency, liability questions, and secure storage of voting equipment.
5. The motion passed unanimously and the board directed Ms. Morian to continue to develop a plan with the municipalities and seek input from the library attorney.

VII. Director's Report and Statistical Report

- A. The board reviewed and filed the director's and statistical report with minor discussion.
 1. The board expressed congratulations to Ms. Morian for being elected to serve on the board of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and for being appointed to the lead the MLA Intellectual Freedom Task Force.
 2. There was minor discussion on the statistical report. Ms. Morian pointed out that virtual student cards was now broken out as a category (these are library cards issued to RCS students that haven't been upgraded to full check-out privileges).

VIII. Committee Reports - None

IX. Other Business

- A. The board reviewed a slideshow of images from two local libraries for inspiration on contemporary furnishings and interiors/exterior considerations of modern library buildings. There was minor discussion regarding capital improvements that could be planned for the RHPL building that is now more than 30 years old.

X. Board Comments

- A. Ms. Deel commented that she had a lovely time at the Summer Reading kick-off event on Saturday, June 10th. She also said that her teens really enjoyed the Teen Nerf@Night program and praised the teen librarian, Matt Kessler for hosting such a popular event, noting that the registration was completely full.

XI. Questions from the Liaisons

- A. Mr. Tyler thanked the board for allowing him to express his opinions throughout the meeting and strongly encouraged the Board to serve as a regional early voting site, stating that not only was this a strategic goal and would likely bolster civic engagement, it would be a good opportunity to promote library services to individuals who may not use the library regularly.

XII. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

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Anne Kucher, Secretary