

**LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Liverpool Public Library - CCR
March 5, 2003**

Trustees present: Fulmer, Alessio, Ward, Dunstone, Spadafore, Spado.

Excused: Berryhill. Dunstone was excused after the Information Meeting.

Staff: E. Dailey, Director; Morgan, Clerk to the Board.

Others: public and staff

Public Information Meeting

Before the Regular Meeting, a Public Information Meeting was held to discuss the 2003-2004 proposed budget. Fulmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dailey presented the budget emphasizing the recent notice she received regarding increased retirement expenses that may cost the library \$170,000. This anticipated expense will result in revisions to the proposed budget.

Some members of the public voiced their concerns over some of the expenses and asked general questions about the budget process. Several members were very supportive of the current, as well as the 2003-04 budget, and expressed their views that the library was a major asset to the community and services should not be cut.

Ward made a motion and Spadafore seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. All were in favor.

Regular Meeting

President Fulmer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Salutation to the United States Flag

Correspondence folder circulated for the Board's review.

Open Forum

- Nancy Muench, wife of Rodney Muench, the library's maintenance person, read a statement regarding his position being eliminated in the 2003-2004 budget.
- Rick Noreault, Labor Relations Specialist and Chief Negotiator for the library's CSEA Union, expressed his concerns over how the elimination of positions was handled by management.
- A member of the public asked if the library's budget vote could be held at the same time as the Liverpool Central School District's annual budget vote.
- Pam Sprague presented the Press Clipping to the Board and solicited trustees help during National Library Week April 6-12, and the Great New York Read Aloud on Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Consent Agenda

Approval of February 5, 2003, Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Approval of monthly bills for February.

Spado moved and Ward seconded to approve the items under Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Reports to the Board

Treasurer's report

In Dunstone's absence, Dailey reported that there were no new revenue or expenditure reports since November 30, 2002.

President's report

Fulmer acknowledged the amount of time that Morgan and Dailey have spent in answering many FOIL requests received from some members of the public.

Director's report

In addition to the written report:

- received a written response from the library's attorney to a question posed by A. Cannella asking if the library had the legal right to expend funds for Preliminary Plans/and or other Professional Services prior to approval by Referendum Vote. The answer was Yes. The Board of Trustees had the legal authority to contract with and pay Clough Harbour for preliminary plans and studies in connection with the project (s) involving the Tulip Street and the CVS facilities. The Board received copies of the memorandum from Mark Grobosky.

Items for Discussion and Action

Public Information Meeting

The Board discussed the responses from the public made during the Information Meeting. Dailey presented a revised budget that showed changes in the expenditure lines resulting from the anticipated increase in retirement expenses. The Board was asked for further guidance and recommendations in preparation of the document.

Discussion followed pertaining to the New York State Retirement System and the method it uses to determine costs.

Ward reported on a consortium meeting she attended with Onondaga County Executive Pirro and other Mayors. The focus of the meeting was the high increases in Medicaid and employee health expenses.

Staff Development Day

Ward made a motion and Spadafore seconded to close the library on May 9, 2003, for a Staff Development Day.

On the motion: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Board Forum

- Spado acknowledged the wonderful programs the library has for children.
- Ward talked about the library being a monetary institution, an economic value that brings people into the community.
- Spadafore talked about the library being a place that allows easy access to information that is invaluable to the community it serves.

Executive Session

President Fulmer stated that the Board had need to enter into executive session for the purpose of a personnel issue with no action to follow.

Ward moved and Spado seconded to enter into executive session for the purpose stated by Fulmer. All were in favor. An executive session was declared at 7:55 p.m.

Spadafore moved and Spado seconded the Board return from executive session at 8:20 p.m. and adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Fulmer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Morgan".

Dorothy Morgan
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting following the Public Hearing