BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday August 19, 2025 – 5:30 P.M. Bellevue City Council Chambers

The Bellevue Public Library Board met on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. with President Curt Zeimet presiding

The roll was called as follows: Present: Board members Curt Zeimet, Myia Steines, Ann Bernhard Hoff, Linda Nudd, Heather Wood, and Judy Manning. Also present was Michael Burris, current Director and Secretary. Teresas Weinschenk and Ken Walsh were present as visitors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Zeimet asked the Board for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Wood and seconded by Nudd. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

After reading the minutes of the previous meeting, President Zeimet asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of July 15, 2025. A motion was made by Nudd and seconded by Bernhard Hoff to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved.

Correspondence.

No Correspondence was presented.

Director's Report

Previous instructions from the Board were carried out, with a change in how the staff computer upgrades will be handled. Patron computer upgrades will still require grants for funding. We are contacting elementary teachers to schedule their classes for library visits. Board members suggested several grant opportunities that open in September.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Director presented the library bills for the month of July 2025. The proposal for new computers was resubmitted. A motion to approve the Director's Report, library reports and the rest of the bills was made by Wood and seconded by Steines and was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Computer Use policy, was moved to approved by Nudd, and was seconded by Steines. Unanimously approved. Applications for the open position on the Board of Trustees were reviewed, and one was chosen to forward to the City Council for their approval. The Patron Behavior Policy will be re-written and merged with the Disruptive Behavior Policy to be considered next month.

NEW BUSINESS

During conversation, it was noted that we should forward meeting Agendas to the President of the Friends of the Library to foster a bidirectional conversation, and the Director was ordered to do that. The Board will change the procedure to approve new staff so that it follows the State regulations (previously, it was only following the State Library directives.) The Director's Review was put in motion – it will be late this year but will take place on or around July 1 in following years. The Board will circulate review documentation pulled from other cities and solicit targeted feedback from staff. The Holiday on Sept. 1 was noted, and the next Board meeting will be on Sept. 16, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, President Zeimet adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Burris, Director and Secretary