

William P. Faust Public Library Board of Trustees
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, April 3, 2019

A special study meeting of the Board of Trustees for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan.

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board President James Higgins.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Higgins, Julie Laliberte, Gayle Nicholson, Katherine Sample, Gary Chappell

ALSO PRESENT: Library Attorney Michael McNamara
Library Director Ishwar Laxminarayan

2. Action on Agenda

None

3. Business

a. 2019/2020 Budget

Ishwar provided an overview of the highlights of the library's 2019/2020 budget that will be presented at the City Council's Study Session on April 8, 2019. He will be accompanied by Library Board President James Higgins during the presentation.

b. National Library Week Breakfast

Ishwar presented a draft agenda and other highlights of the event. Trustee Gayle Nicholson will stand in for Board President Higgins and provide closing remarks.

c. Collective Bargaining (Closed Session)

Motion by Chappell, supported by Laliberte

RESOLVED to enter closed session to discuss collective bargaining with Service Employees International Union Local 517M (Supervisors) and attorney-client privileged communications.

Chappell- Aye
Higgins- Aye
Laliberte- Aye
Nicholson- Aye
Sample - Aye

Motion carried. (Meeting entered closed session at 6.10 p.m.)

Vote to re-open meeting

Motion by Laliberte, supported by Chappell

RESOLVED to re-open meeting.

Chappell- Aye
Higgins- Aye
Laliberte- Aye
Nicholson- Aye
Sample - Aye

Motion carried (Return to open meeting at 6.25 p.m.)

4. New Business

None

5. Citizen Comments

None

6. Trustee Comments.

Trustees commended the negotiating team for their efforts in concluding agreements with the two bargaining units. There was general agreement to hold study sessions as needed in the future, preferably before the regularly scheduled board meeting each month. It was also suggested that the Library Director review the current year's budget and propose any adjustments in the salaries and benefits lines following the ratification and approval of the two collective bargaining agreements.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Sample, supported by Chappell

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

Chappell- Aye
Higgins- Aye
Laliberte- Aye
Nicholson- Aye
Sample - Aye

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.