

Westland Public Library  
Board of Trustee Minutes  
Friday, May 19, 2017  
Library Room B

A Study Session of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan 48185

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:38 P.M. by Mark Neal

Roll Call MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

STAFF PRESENT:

Sheila Collins-Library Director

Sherri West- Recording minutes

ALSO PRESENT:

R.J Cronkite , Attorney with maddin hauser

2. Motion to go into closed session

Motion: Antoinette Martin

Support: Bobby Johnson

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

Motion Approved

New Business- Discussion under Closed session

a. Negotiation of Non-Union/Directors contract(session closed at the request of non-union party)

b. Discuss contract for independent counsel

c. Motion to open closed study session

Motion: Antoinette Martin

Support: DeLano Hornbuckle

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

Motion Approved

3. Entertain motions resulting from Closed Study Session

a. Negotiation of Non-Union/Directors contract. A motion was made to accept the pay package for the Assistant Director/Administrative Manager

Motion: Antoinette Martin

Support: DeLano Hornbuckle

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

Motion Approved

- b. Motion to approve the negotiated severance agreement should the director be forced to leave. The attorneys will provide the final draft.

Motion: Antoinette Martin

Support: DeLano Hornbuckle

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

Motion Approved

- c. A proposed motion to hire Independent council to represent the Library board and draft a final version of Library Directors severance package and to represent the library board to stop the governance and Westland City council trying to remove the entire library board. That independent council would be Maddin Hauser.

Motion: DeLano Hornbuckle

Support: Antoinette Martin

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- No

Motion Approved

- d. Motion to submit an amendment letter to the City of Westland Finance to cover Invoices paid out that are above line items budgeted. This would cover contracted companies preparing for the possible library expansion.

Motion: Bob Johnson

Support: Antoinette Martin

Motion: DeLano Hornbuckle

Support: Antoinette Martin

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

Motion Approved

4. Citizens comments

There were comments made by those attending the meeting.

5. Board Member Comments

- Bob Johnson commented that the Library board reputation going downhill drastically fast and although I agree with everything I've said previously. To help facilitate getting our reputation back for the Library and the City of Westland. Also I have enjoyed being on the board. But at this time I am resigning.
- Antoinette Martin stated she was glad we got through all of these items.
- DeLano Hornbuckle told Bob Johnson I do think this was a surprise

6. Adjournment

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Motion: Antoinette Martin

Support: DeLano Hornbuckle

Mark Neal-Board President- Yes

Antoinette Martin-Vice President- Yes

DeLano Hornbuckle- Treasurer- Yes

Bob Johnson- Yes

Motion Approved