

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 14, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hoyle at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Trustees were present in person: Trustees Kory Atkinson, Ben Hoyle, Ken Johnson, Sharon Karpiel and Natalie Valenti. Absent: Trustees Ashok Dhiman and Lauren Dixon. Also Present: Director Timothy Jarzemsky.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The January Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trustee Atkinson moved, and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion**, that the agenda of the January 14, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Karpiel moved, and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion**, that the minutes of the December 10, 2025 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Atkinson seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the payment of bills for the month of January 2026, in the amount of \$73,840.70 and the transfer of approximately \$265,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Karpiel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dixon and Dhiman.

VII. REPORTS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of December. Fourteen Bloomingdale community groups and organizations participated in the 27th annual Snowman Crossing from 11/26-12/1. The Village of Bloomingdale staff and BPL Maintenance staff, installed the trees on library grounds. The Snowman Crossing happens every year, starting the week of Thanksgiving and ends the day before the Holiday Open House. The trees are generously donated each year by the Friends of the Library. Although the weather was a bit frosty, the annual Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 2nd and was a huge success. We had roughly 700 people in attendance. The Holiday Open House is co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale. We thank the Bloomingdale Police and Bloomingdale Fire for their continued partnership and for delivering Santa safely to the Library. Santa created a magical moment where the whole Village complex lit up. Thank

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you to the Public Works crews and BPL Maintenance staff who strung up all the lights you see throughout the Village complex and assisted in turning them on for the magical moment. We had lots of fun activities inside for families to enjoy that evening. Entertainment included a face painter, carolers, pianist, harpist, juggler, refreshments, craft in the Makerspace, holiday giveaway, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. We also had a performance by Westfield Middle School Choir. Thank you to the BPL staff who worked the event, making all these activities possible throughout the night. The Friends of the Library had a table at the event as well. Unlike other BPL events, Breakfast and Brunch with Santa is a ticketed event hosted by the Library held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. We had 312 patrons for two seatings on December 13th. Tickets went on sale 11/1 and sold out within two weeks. The tickets were sold for a minimal fee to help BPL offset some of the cost of the event. We offered two face painters, two balloon artists, a magician, a DJ and dance floor, a BPL craft, free goodies bags for all kids filled with fun holiday items and a children's book, breakfast buffet and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to Winnie Wee (BO), Katie Richert (YS), Leslie Blount (YS), Christine Karns (Circ/Tech), and Fran Fleischhacker (Circ/Tech) for their hard work assisting with this event.

MONTHLY STATISTICS

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of December. Total circulation for the month of December was 19,188.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL –We will email the personnel subcommittee about setting up personnel subcommittee meeting in the near future.

POLICY – No report.

FINANCE – No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

SWAN/RAILS – No report.

VILLAGE – No report.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY- No report.

BIG – The next BIG meeting is Thursday, January 22nd at the Bloomingdale Park District. Director Jarzemsky and President Hoyle will attend.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

Attachment F shows the Illinois Public Library Standards checklist: Core Level Standards, Intermediate Level Standards, and Advanced Level Standards. The Bloomingdale Public Library meets all Core Standards for Access, Advocacy and Community Engagement, Building and Grounds, Collection Management, Finance and Budget, Governance and Administration, Human Resources, Information Services, Marketing and Promotion, Programming, Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and Technology. BPL will be working to add a full succession plan for the Library Director position and a programming policy.

APPROVAL OF ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT

Trustee Johnson moved, and Trustee Karpriel seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Karpriel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dixon and Dhiman. We will use the funds received from the grant to purchase children and adult materials.

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY CLOSINGS 2026

Attachment H is a calendar with the dates that the Library will be closed in 2026. Director Jarzemsky reviewed each holiday on the calendar with the Board. The Board approved the closing of Easter, Memorial Day, Sunday Summer Hours, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. Trustee Atkinson moved, and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the 2026 Library Closings dates as amended. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Karpriel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dixon and Dhiman.

IMRF RATE 2026

Attachment I is the final IMRF rate for 2026. The 2026 IMRF rate is 10.39%. The 2025 rate was 10.38%.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Attachment J is a reminder to fill out the Statement of Economic Interest. The Board should expect an email from the DuPage County Clerk's office around March 1st. The form needs completion by May 1, 2026.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS- BUSINESS OFFICE

Each Department Head will report at an upcoming Board meeting. The schedule was previously distributed at the July Board meeting. The goal of the presentation is to give the Board a firsthand look at each department. Director Jarzemsky presented the Business Office report with information about the Business Office, Business Office staff, special

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events, community drives, and the 50th anniversary. He answered questions from the board and they thanked him for his report.

LONG RANGE PLAN JANUARY 2026 UPDATE

Attachment K is a rough draft of the Long Range plan included edits from the Board, Director Jarzemsky, Department Heads, and Beth Dover, PR/Marketing Coordinator. Comments from the previous draft that have not yet incorporated were discussed. The board agreed to add suggestion one and two to the document and removed suggestions three through six. Suggestion one shows to breakdown by age instead of residents with diplomas. Suggestion two is to remove the first sentence of the Vision Statement from the 2017 document and edit the third sentence to “it’s a place for teaching young children the pure enjoyment of reading and.” Suggestion three through six will not be incorporated into the new document.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Board Planning Meeting- February 7th, 9 a.m.- The Annual Board Planning meeting will take place on February 7th in Room C at 9 a.m. The meeting will be done by 12 p.m. Panera breakfast will be served.

XI. AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Semi-Annual Review of Closed Sessions Minutes**

As of 1/14/26, there are no minutes up for review and no action was taken.

XIII. Approval of items reviewed in Executive Session

As of 1/14/26, there are no minutes up for review and no action was taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Karpel seconded **the motion** to adjourn the January 14, 2026 Library Board meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

Secretary

President

Date: _____

(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)