

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 8, 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, Lauren Dixon, Ben Hoyle, Sharon Karpel and Natalie Valenti. Absent: Trustee Ashok Dhiman and Ken Johnson. Also Present: Director Timothy Jarzemsky.

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The April Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trustee Atkinson moved, and Trustee Karpel seconded **the motion**, that the agenda of the April 8, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Karpel moved, and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion**, that the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved. The motion carried by voice vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Hoyle moved and Trustee Atkinson seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the payment of bills for the month of April 2026, in the amount of \$120,246.18 and the transfer of approximately \$280,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Karpel, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dhiman and Johnson.

VII. REPORTS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of March. On March 28th, BPL hosted a book cake walk at the Bloomingdale Park District's annual Bunny Bash. Over 1,000 people were in attendance. A summary of the rest of attachment C was given.

VII. REPORTS (Continued)

MONTHLY STATISTICS

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of March. Total circulation for the month of March was 20,829, which was slightly down from last year's month comparison.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL – No report.

POLICY – The Board reviewed the Paid Parental Leave policy and Programming policy. Suggestions were made to the programming policy and review at next month's board meeting.

After careful review of the Paid Parental Leave Policy, Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Karpriel seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the Paid Parental Leave policy as amended. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Karpriel, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dhiman and Johnson.

FINANCE – No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

SWAN/RAILS – No report.

VILLAGE – Trustee Valenti gave a verbal report.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY- No report.

BIG – The entire board is invited to attend the next BIG meeting, hosted by the library.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING DATES & TIMES FOR FY 2026/27

President Hoyle presented Resolution No. 2025/2026-2 entitled "Resolution Setting Time and Dates of Regular Meetings of the Board of Library Trustees of the Village of Bloomingdale, DuPage County, Illinois."

Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Atkinson seconded **the motion** that said resolution as presented be passed as approved. After a full discussion thereof, President Hoyle

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution. Upon the roll being called, the following Trustees voted AYES: Trustees Karpiel, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dhiman and Johnson.

Whereupon President Hoyle declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted and did sign the same in open meeting and did direct the Secretary to record the same in the records of the Board of Library Trustees of the Village of Bloomingdale, DuPage County, Illinois, which was done.

2025 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION FOR BPL

Director Jarzemsky reviewed Attachment G, a letter from DuPage County regarding 2025 tax year. The Library has no control over property values in the Village. The new Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) is \$1,226,308,940.00. The tax rate is .2689.

APPROVAL OF NON-RESIDENT CARD PARTICIPATION FOR FY 2026/27

Attachment H was presented; Director Jarzemsky explained the Non-Resident Card Program to the Board. If you live in an area unserved by a library, and you live near BPL, you are considered a non-resident. A library card can be purchased for one year only. The homeowner non-resident library card fee is based on the Library's tax rate of .2689 multiplied by the assessed valuation of the property divided by \$100.00. The two largest unserved area's near our Library boundaries are Medinah and Mallard Lakes Estates.

Trustee Karpiel moved and Trustee Atkinson seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the 2026/2027 Non-Resident Public Library Card Fee Program as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote. AYES: Trustees Karpiel, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dhiman and Johnson.

FY 2026/27 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEW

Director Jarzemsky presented a proposed draft budget tonight with approval scheduled for the May Board meeting. This is the second review of the budget; it was first reviewed in March. Staff reviewed the proposed budget and last year's budget items were used as a base line for each line item. Director Jarzemsky discussed the general fund line items, levy statistics, and projections. The levy is the cash amount the Library collects from property taxes from property owners each year. Director Jarzemsky asked the Board to prepare approval of a levy amount at the May Board meeting. The total of expenditures are expected to be up by approximately 2.96%; however that number may change after all the final numbers are in and reviewed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

LEVY ANALYSIS

At the May Board meeting, the Board will approve the levy amount. This attachment is to begin evaluating what number the Board is comfortable with. Director Jarzemsky presented information from past years. He provided the Illinois Department of Revenue history of CPI's used for the PTELL (property tax extension limitation law) and levy scenarios. The Board reviewed the impact of levy increases up to 3%. It's important to note that this levy amount will be collected in the next calendar year.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friends of the Library Book Sale- The Friends of the Library have an upcoming book sale on Saturday, April 25th from 9:30-3 p.m. There will be items for all ages available for purchase, including: donated and discarded library books, movies, music and more.

Summer Concert Series 2026- The Summer Concert series is fast approaching; attachment K shows the bands schedule for June, July and August with the August concert taking place the Friday after the Ice Cream Social under the tent.

XI. AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE MAY MEETING

No suggestions were made for May's meeting.

XII. Executive Session Library Director Review

An Executive Session was called pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and Section 2 (c) (21) to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Act.

At 8:14 p.m. Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion** to enter into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and Section 2 (c) (21) to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Act. The motion carried by a roll-call vote. AYES: Trustees Karpiel, Valenti, Hoyle, Dixon and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Dhiman and Johnson.

XIII. Approval of Items Reviewed in Executive Session

Trustee Valenti moved, and Trustee Atkinson seconded **the motion** that the FY 2026/27 salary for the Library Director, as recommended in executive session, be approved. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Valenti, Karpel, Hoyle, Dixon and Atkinson. Absent: Trustees Johnson and Dhiman.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Valenti moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion** to adjourn the April 8, 2026 Library Board meeting at 8:47 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

Secretary

President

Date: _____

(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)