

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 13, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Hoyle at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The May Board Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Trustee Valenti moved, and Trustee Johnson seconded **the motion**, that the agenda of the May 13, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Karpel moved, and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion**, that the minutes of the April 8, 2026 Regular Library Board meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the payment of bills for the month of May 2026, in the amount of \$74,477.56 and the transfer of approximately \$257,000.00 for bills and salaries. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

VII. REPORTS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Attachment C shows the activities for the month of April. National Library Week took place April 19-25, and to celebrate, we held a National Library Week Challenge and drawing. The challenge included ways for patrons to sign up or try services they might not have been familiar with previously. In addition to the challenges, there was a daily drawing patrons could enter by coming into the library that day. On April 13th, forty-three patrons attended "Chef Maddox Presents: Simple Spring Meals." Patrons learned how to make

VII. REPORTS (Continued)

simple meals for the spring including carrot soup, chicken oscar style, and fresh fruit with sweetened mascarpone and pound cake. Youth Services is gearing up for Celebrate Reading, where first grade students come to BPL for a program and behind the scenes tour. Heidi Knuth, Youth Services Assistant Department Head, and Lori Lorenz, School Liaison, presented about upcoming Celebrate Reading program at St. Isidore and Waterbury Schools in April.

MONTHLY STATISTICS

Attachment D shows the activities for the month of April.

STANDING COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL – No report.

POLICY – Trustee Dhiman suggested looking potentially creating an AI policy and how AI could impact BPL in the future. The Policy subcommittee will investigate the possibility of creating an AI policy in the future.

FINANCE – No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Attachment E shows the tentative schedule for the emergency backup generator replacement project. This schedule is subject to change based on the arrival of the generator and how the project proceeds. There will be a small window of time that the library may need to close due to all power in the building being shut off to finish installation of the generator. We are hoping to have as little impact as possible to operating hours.

LIAISON REPORTS

SWAN/RAILS – No report.

VILLAGE – Verbal report from Trustee Valenti.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY- Attachment F shows a recap from the friends for the Feb-April including details about the recent book sale in April.

BIG – Attachment G shows a summary form the BIG meeting BPL hosted on April 23rd.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET FY 2026/27

Attachment H shows the Fiscal Year 2026\2027 budget details. Director Jarzemsky, Department Heads and other library supervisors had input in creating the budget lines within Attachment H. The projected General Fund total expenditures for FY 2026/2027 is \$3,522,625.00.

After a final review and discussion of the budget document, Trustee Dixon moved and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the Budget of \$3,522,625.00 for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote. AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING FUND SCHEDULE

Attachment I shows the estimated and proposed expenditures for the Building Fund. This is the planning document for the Building Fund and the proposed expenditures for 2026/2027 that amounts to \$252,000.00. Projects such as new self-checks, furniture in Youth Services, new tables for the meeting rooms, new public copiers, new printers, new backup generator, o365 and Azure were discussed.

Based on the discussion, Trustee Karpel moved and Trustee Johnson seconded **the motion** to approve the Building Fund expenditures for 2026/2027 in the amount of \$252,000.00. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING FUND TRANSFER

Director Jarzemsky presented the proposed transfer of \$300,000.00 from the General Fund to the Building Fund. We annually budget for a year-end transfer to the building fund. These transfers are essential in maintaining the reserves in our Building Fund which is the source for all our capital projects. As required by law, the library maintains and updates a plan for the use of these funds. The key to managing the Building Fund in a fair and prudent manner is to have a plan for the use of the funds. The Library's Building Fund schedule details plans for capital improvements over both short and long terms. Therefore, Director Jarzemsky recommended that the Board approve this transfer.

Based on the discussion, Trustee Johnson moved and Trustee Dhiman seconded **the motion** to approve the transfer to building fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for FY2026/2027. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

IX. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS
2026/27**

President Hoyle presented the Resolution Setting Forth Financial Requirements of the Bloomingdale Public Library for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027.

Trustee Karpel moved and Trustee Dixon seconded **the motion** that Resolution 2026/2027-1, be adopted as presented, including an appropriation in the amount of \$3,927,952.44 and a levy in the amount of \$3,369,144.90.

After a full discussion thereof, President Hoyle 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 Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

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.

APPROVAL OF PROGRAMMING POLICY

The Board reviewed the Programming policy, Trustee Dixon moved and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion**, that the Board approve the Programming policy as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

IL HB4261: PER CAPITA GRANT LESISLATION

IL HB4261 amends the IL Library System Act to increase the amounts to be provided by the State Librarian for annual library system grants for annual grants to qualified public libraries in the state, and for annual school library grants effective immediately. The State Librarian shall make grants annually under this section to all qualified public libraries in the state from funds appropriated by the general assembly. Such grants shall be in the amount of up to \$177 per capita for the population from \$1.475.

**APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION FOR DR. JON BARTLET, SUPERINTENDENT OF
BLOOMINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 13**

The Board reviewed the Proclamation for Dr. Jon Bartlet, Superintendent of Bloomingdale School District 13. Dr. Bartlet has served as the Superintendent of District 13 since 2012. He has continuously supported the library over the years including promoting the summer reading program, celebrate reading parties for local first grade students and provided buses for transportation when funds were scare. BPL wishes Dr. Bartlet a well-deserved

retirement.

Trustee Dixon moved and Trustee Valenti seconded the motion, that the Board approve the Programming policy as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote: AYES: Trustees Dhiman, Karpziel, Johnson, Hoyle, Valenti, Dixon and Atkinson.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Kory Atkinson announced his resignation from the library board effective May 13 at 11:59 p.m. Kory was recently appointed as the new Bloomingdale Township Assessor. Kory served on the Library board for 3 years and BPL wishes him luck in his new role as he continues to serve the community.

Summer reading program 2026, "Plant a seed...read", begins June 1st. A list of important dates for upcoming summer programming such as the concerts were included.

XI. AGENDA BUILDING FOR THE JUNE MEETING

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Atkinson moved and Trustee Valenti seconded **the motion** to adjourn the May, 13 2026 Library Board meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved by:

Secretary

President

Date: _____

(Minutes recorded by Jamie Schingoethe)