

STEVENS COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2009
Colville Public Library
195 S. Oak
Colville, WA 99114

Public Hearing - 2010 Preliminary Budget and Revenue by Source.

At 4:02 pm Tracey Rice, Chair opened the public hearing. Colville Library Patron and volunteer, Nancy Wright, commented that she hopes that the Library District keeps facility needs in mind when budgeting. The Hearing was closed at 4:03 pm

The regular meeting of the Stevens County Rural Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Tracey Rice. In attendance were Trustee, Patricia Skomars, Keith Reilly & Melissa Stalp. Bill Swartz was absent. District Director Amanda McKeraghan, Business Manager Kathy Weber was also present.

VISITORS - Nancy Wright, Colville

AGENDA CHANGES - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - Nancy Wright of Colville introduced herself as both a volunteer of the Colville Public Library who reads to babies and toddlers at the Colville Early Headstart, and as the librarian of the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. Nancy went on to share some concerns she's heard from people in the community about the noise level in the Colville Library, and the number of teens using the public computers. Specifically, she noted that some people have the perception that the library is no longer a quiet place to study and read and that too many kids use the library to hang out and/or play games on computers.

ACTION ITEMS

(a) The minutes from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 17, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Motion made: Keith
Motion seconded: Patricia
All in favor: Unanimous

(c) The following vouchers and warrants were approved for payment: Accounts Payable Voucher Numbers 900690 through 900768 for a total of \$44,757.78 certified on the following dates:
(att.#1)

September 16, 2009 - 900690 through 900719 for \$12,085.75
September 29, 2009 - 900720 through 900731 for \$1,782.75
October 2, 2009 - 900732 through 900768 for \$30,889.28

Motion made: Keith
Motion seconded: Melissa

All in favor: Unanimous

(d) Payroll Warrants September 2009 Direct Deposit #53763 through #53788 for the total of \$55,508.39 (att.#1)

Motion made: Keith
Motion seconded: Melissa
All in favor: Unanimous

(e) The 2009 September budget status report & revenue reports were reviewed and accepted as submitted. (att.#2)

Motion made: Keith
Motion seconded: Melissa
All in favor: Unanimous

(f) The Director's September 2009 time sheet was reviewed and accepted. (att.#3)

Motion made: Melissa
Motion seconded: Keith
All in favor: Unanimous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Creation of a Library Foundation - There was nothing new to report. Keith offered to assist Tracey in moving the application process forward.

Lake Spokane Fusion Center Update - Amanda reported that the Governor's Office has recommended the Lake Spokane Fusion Center as one of the top five priority projects for the State of Washington to the NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration), who will be selecting the projects to be funded with ARRA stimulus funds.

Facilities County Wide - Amanda reported that the Kettle Falls Public Library building project may be a viable project for round 2 of the stimulus funding. The second round of applications will probably be due in March, 2010. The partners from the Lake Spokane Fusion Center (Tri-County Economic Development, Rural Resources, WSU Extension, and Stevens County Government) are interested in partnering for another Fusion Center.

Springdale Rental Agreement - The City of Springdale has not yet completed a Meeting Room Policy or Meeting Room Use Agreement, but plan to at the October 25, 2009 City Council meeting.

2010 Preliminary Budget & COLA - The preliminary budget was reviewed and discussed. The final budget and resolution will be presented at the November meeting. After a great deal of discussion the 2010 COLA rate is set for 0%

Motion made: Patricia
Motion seconded: Keith
All in favor: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Format and Time Changes - Motion made to discontinue sharing from future agendas. Meeting time is tabled until the November meeting.

Motion made: Patricia
Motion seconded: Keith
All in favor: Unanimous

Executive Session - Directors Review - Motion made to table the review until the November meeting.

Motion made: Patricia
Motion seconded: Keith
All in favor: Unanimous

Education & Training Policy - Amanda noted that the Stevens County Rural Library District does not currently have a formal Education & Training Policy, and now that the Library District has its first in-house Library School student, it is time to develop one. Amanda shared sample policies from other libraries in Washington State. The board provided some feedback and asked Amanda to develop a draft for the November meeting.

Out of County Cards - Amanda reported that in recent discussions with the Library Director of the North Central Regional Library District regarding Ferry County Library service, he suggested that the Stevens County Rural Library District Board discuss the option of an out-of-county card. Amanda solicited comments and sample policies from library systems in the state and shared these with the board. Amanda agreed to compile a draft for the November meeting.

Consent Agenda - The board discussed the option of putting the Action Items of: approval of minutes, approval of accounts payable, approval of expenditure & fiscal reports, and approval of the director's timesheet and mileage reimbursement into a single consent agenda. The board concurred that this would be useful and the chair stated that it would be so at future meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: From the Washington State Library's Virtual Reference Coordinator, Ahniwa Ferrari while sharing some kudos: "As usual, there were a lot of great sessions and glowing comments in the public cooperative for September. Picking out one was tough, but I want to point a session by Tom Brown at Stevens County Rural Library District that I was exemplary. Tom helped a Seattle Public Library patron who initially started out with two questions about historical figures and events, and who ended up asking four separate questions by the end of the session. Tom was generous and patient, and came up with numerous good resources for the patron for each question that was asked. He was rewarded with a brief but very glowing comment: "Wow, this librarian was SUPERB to say the least..."

REPORTS

Director's Report (att#4)

Handouts included

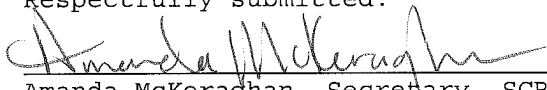
September Circulation Stats (att#5)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Motion made: Tracey

Respectfully submitted:


Amanda McKeraghan, Secretary, SCRLD

Accepted by:


Tracey Rice Board Chair

11-19-09
Date