
ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 19, 2024

Koelbel Library
5955 S Holly St
Centennial, CO

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Bodfish, Theresa Mehringer, Steve Oliver, Katie Schroeder, Liz Nichols, Sally Daigle, Bill Shaw (virtual)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

PUBLIC:

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beth Dauer, Attorney

STAFF PRESENT: Oli Sanidas, Executive Director; Marie Greene, Executive Assistant; Jennifer Mahin, Director of Finance; Anthony White, Director of Innovation and Technology; Jessica Sidener, Director of Marketing Strategy and Community Relations; Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations; Cynthia Kiyotake, Associate Director of Library Operations; Kim Collie, Director of the Project Management Office; Lindsay Hallam, Library Manager; Mollie Lancaster, Collection Librarian; Jonathan Hamilton, Safety Specialist

Katie Schroeder opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Katie opened the meeting to public comment by reading the Guidelines for Public Introductions and Comment:

Thank you for attending this meeting of the Arapahoe Library District Board of Trustees. We appreciate your interest. It is the policy of the Board to invite audience participation during the public comment portion of the agenda set aside for this purpose.

1. If you wish to speak, please sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet.
2. You may take up to five minutes to make your comments. (This time constraint may be modified by the Board President to be less than five minutes if there are a number of persons wishing to speak.)

3. We will take up to 10 minutes for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. If there are more comments, we will provide additional time at the end of the meeting for an additional 30 minutes.
4. The Trustees will not be able to engage in dialogue with you, but they will make sure that you are contacted at a later time to answer any questions you may have.
5. If you have not already been introduced to the Board, please state your name and address before you begin.
6. We thank you for coming to this meeting and for your interest in the Arapahoe Library District.

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES No. 839: Liz Nichols moved to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 board meeting. Sally Daigle seconded and the motion passed.

Scott Bodfish requested that the board periodically be updated when the staff cohorts on exploring AI begin work.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. The approval of an estimated \$131,000 to provide adequate drainage and ice melt capabilities at Kelter. The vendor has not been chosen at this time.
- B. The approval of an estimated \$150,000 with The Public Works for furniture and materials to upgrade the Smoky Hill Service Point desks for greeting and servicing patrons.

Scott Bodfish moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Liz Nichols seconded, and the motion passed.

FINANCIALS: Jennifer Mahin reviewed the financials with the trustees.

Steve Oliver moved to accept the Financials as presented. Sally Daigle seconded, and the motion passed. Approval of the Financials means:

- Acceptance of the Statement of Revenue and Expense
- Acceptance of the Balance Sheet

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: Katie Schroeder reported that she emailed the trustees a tentative date for a board retreat and included a list of topics. She asked the rest of the trustees to send her any additional topics they would like to discuss.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Oli Sanidas reported that Governor Polis attended the Imagination Library Event at Eloise May Library where the one-millionth book was handed out.

Oli also reported that he may be appointed to the board of directors for the Colorado Smart Cities Alliance.

Oli noted that ALD plans to create staff cohorts to explore AI so libraries become a resource to the public on the use of AI. He noted that he feels guidelines should be strategically developed for using AI. Philosophically, he believes that as AI becomes more broadly utilized, those who choose not to use it may find that they are not as productive as those who do choose to use it. There was discussion about some of the controversies with using AI.

Oli announced that the name for the remodeled Admin Building has been chosen and will be The Space and Café by Arapahoe Libraries.

LEGAL STATUS REPORT: Attorney Beth Dauer stated that the board will need to approve the annual administrative resolution. It is approved every year and the document has few changes from year to year.

Sally Daigle moved to approve the 2024 Annual Administrative Resolution with the amendment of adding Oli's name as Executive Director. Scott Bodfish seconded, and the motion passed.

Beth also noted that the proposed legislation for the ban on book bans is dead in committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: Linda Speas, Director of Library Operations, highlighted the hiring of six dedicated Teen Reference Librarian positions at various branches throughout the district. The addition of librarians is part of the overall staffing strategy.

Scott Bodfish asked if the teen reference librarians will have training to help with teen mental health issues. Linda responded that ALD has community resource specialists on staff who are specially trained to help direct patrons to those type of resources. Bill Shaw noted that it's important that the community resource specialists not take on a therapist role for patrons. Oli confirmed that ALD's model is that they do not act as therapists, that they only direct patrons to appropriate resources in the community.

Oli stated that the board will drive over to Castlewood Library for a tour of the remodeled facility.

There being no further business, Scott Bodfish moved to adjourn, Katie Schroeder seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

04/18/2024

Date Approved

Liz Nichols

Liz Nichols (Apr 18, 2024 09:28 MDT)

Liz Nichols, Secretary






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