

**MINUTES**  
**CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**January 11, 2024**  
**6:00 pm**

**760 Ocean Avenue**  
**Bohemia, NY 1171**

**I. Call to Order**

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at: 6:00 pm by Mrs. Furfaro.

**II. Roll Call**

Board of Trustees members present were: President; Mrs. Susan Furfaro, Vice President; Mrs. Elizabeth Savit, Trustee; Mrs. Kathleen Schmidt, Trustee; Mr. George Kreuzer. Board of Trustees members absent were: Trustee; Mrs. Dorothy Roman.

Also present were: Mrs. Kimberly DeCristofaro, Executive Director; Dr. Jason Ladick, Director of Operations.

**III. Disposition of Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Savit, seconded by Mr. Kreuzer to accept the minutes as presented of the December 14, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Carried 4-0.

**IV. Financial Reports**

Motion by Mrs. Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Savit to approve the Financial Reports for December 31, 2023. Carried 4-0.

**V. Schedule of Claims**

Motion by Mrs. Savit, seconded by Mr. Kreuzer to approve the Schedule of Claims dated January 11, 2024 equaling the total of \$423,359.06. Carried 4-0.

**VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports**

- a. Motion by Mr. Kreuzer, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to accept the 2024-25 proposed budget equaling a total of \$7,115,000, with \$6,836,000 being raised by taxation. Carried 4-0.
- b. Motion by Mrs Schmidt, seconded by Mrs. Savit to accept the following dates concerning the 2024-25 Connetquot Public Library Annual Budget & Trustee Election: Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Budget Information Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 6:00 pm. Carried 4-0.
- c. Motion by Mr. Kreuzer, seconded by Mrs. Savit to accept the 2024 standard mileage rate issued by the IRS for the use of a car to 67 cents per mile driven, an increase from 65.5 cents. Carried 4-0.

- d. The *Public Library Changed My Life* marketing campaign was discussed with interest.
- e. The SCLS Budget Vote and Trustee results for 2024 were reviewed.
- f. Motion by Mr. Kreuzscher, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt to accept the proposal from *ACL Construction Corp* to frame and laminate walls in the central area of the facility for \$11,470.
- g. Motion by Mrs. Savit, seconded by Mr. Kreuzscher to approve the following employment appointments, promotions, and/or separations: Alex Boris, resigned as Librarian I (P/T) effective 12/29/23; Rebecca Buscarino, resigned as Page effective 12/29/23; Rebecca Buscarino, appointed as Librarian Assistant (P/T) effective 12/30/23. Carried 4-0.

**VII. Communications**

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. Mrs. Furfaro led a discussion on the key points covered in this year’s trustee training sessions.

**IX. New Business**

**X. Public Comment**

- a. Mr. Bret Savit
  - i. Inquired if the library page positions are only part-time.
  - ii. Inquired about attendance at library board meetings.
  - iii. Very much enjoyed the 2023 Suffolk County Libraries Summer Tour and inquired if something similar will occur in 2024.
- b. Mr. Edwin Taylor
  - i. Commented on the layout of different libraries in Suffolk County.

**XI. Announcements**

- a. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6 pm.

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Mrs. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Kreuzscher to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Carried 4-0.

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