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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date	Oct 8, 2026
Time	6:00 p.m.
Location	760 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716

I. Call to Order

- A. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mrs. Furfaro.

II. Roll Call

- A. **Present:** President Susan Furfaro, Secretary Catherine Poissant, Trustee George Kreuscher, Trustee Kathleen Schmidt.
- B. **Absent:** Vice President Elizabeth Savit
- C. **Also Present:** Dr. Jason Ladick, Executive Director; Mr. Chris DeCristofaro, Assistant Director.

III. Disposition of Minutes

- A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Poissant, to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2026 *Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees* as presented. **Carried 4-0.**

IV. Financial Reports

- A. **Motion:** Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve the *Financial Reports* for September 30, 2026. **Carried 4-0.**

V. Schedule of Claims

- A. **Motion:** Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to approve the *Schedule of Claims* dated October 8, 2026, in the total amount of \$570,187.02. **Carried 4-0.**

VI. Report of the Executive Director and Committee Reports

- A. **Motion:** Mrs. Schmidt moved, seconded by Mr. Kreuscher, to approve and adopt the Connetquot Public Library's application for the FY 2026-2027 State Aid for Library Construction Program for the Interior Renovations of the South Wing, including the required assurances, to be administered in accordance with the requirements of Education Law §273-a and Commissioner's Regulations §90.12, as presented. **Carried 4-0.**
- B. The Library's new accountant and external auditor, *Baldessari & Coster LLP*, requested additional time to finalize the annual audit, Form 990, and year-end financials for approval at the next Board meeting. Beginning next year, these documents are expected to be completed by the October Board meeting.
- C. Dr. Ladick reported that three staff members, Chris DeCristofaro, Nicole Eberle, and Susan Kandle, will attend the *2026 NYLA Annual Conference* in Saratoga Springs, NY, from November 4 through November 7, 2026. The Library will cover registration, accommodations, and eligible meal and travel expenses.
- D. *Community Wellness Day*, sponsored by the *Connetquot Central School District's Mental Health Advisory Council* and *Islip Goes Purple*, scheduled to take place at the Library on Saturday, September 26, 2026, was postponed due to the nor'easter. A new date in the spring is being discussed.

VII. Communications

- A. A letter was received from Edward and Janice Johnson praising the staff, especially Sharon Norman and Brian Klein, for their assistance following a fall in the parking lot.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Dr. Ladick informed the Board that the Library is exploring the development of a new in-house room booking and class registration system.

IX. New Business

- A. The Board engaged in a brief discussion regarding artificial intelligence and its use in libraries and society.

X. Public Comment

- A. Mr. Edwin Taylor inquired about New York State construction aid for the forthcoming renovations.

XI. Announcements

- A. A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.
- B. The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Executive Session

- A. **Motion:** Mrs. Poissant moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to enter Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss the financial and work history of particular entities that submitted bids for the Interior Renovations Project.. **Carried 4-0.**

XIII. Adjournment

- A. **Motion:** Mr. Kreuscher moved, seconded by Mrs. Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. **Carried 4-0.**

Approval

Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 12, 2026.

Board Secretary

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____