

COLUMBIA COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, March 20, 2023

Meeting Location

Dayton Memorial Library

111 S. 3rd St.

Dayton, WA 993228

Call to order: Jay Ball called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Chair Jay Ball, Vice-chair, Karin Spann, Secretary Michele Smith, Treasurer Sharon Mendel, and Chuck Beleny.

Others present: Library Director Todd Vandembark, along with several members of the public, and thirteen people on Zoom.

Approval of the minutes of February 27, 2023: Spann made a motion to approve the minutes. Sharon Mendel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Director's report: See Vandembark's report attached. He also spoke about the use of a \$500 Wellness grant. The grant will be used to furnish meals at the all-staff meetings. He also talked about a repair made to the handle and lock of a door in the Delany Room.

Financial Report: Smith made a motion to approve Payroll Vouchers #5000 through #5063 in the amount of \$37,936.32. The motion was seconded by Spann and it was approved unanimously.

Vandembark gave his financial summary for February.

New Business: Beleny asked the board to consider the drug policy and make changes as necessary. Vandembark will place that on next month's agenda.

Beleny also asked the board and director to consider what he perceives as a "double standard" for internet use by minors, and for books in the collection, concerning material that could be considered obscene or harmful to children. He said the board recently heard and rejected an appeal brought by a patron for a book in the library collection based on two points of consideration: Is the Library Director's decision in line with current Library Board approved policies, and is the Library Director's decision arbitrary or capricious?

Beleny would like to have another bullet point added asking whether there are graphic illustrations in books in the collection that could be considered obscene or child pornography. He is asking the board to consider work sessions to update policies such as the 2008 collection policy, which has not been revised since 2013.

Public comment: Members of the public were each given three minutes to speak.

Executive Session: An executive session was called at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of evaluating an employee performance. The meeting lasted for 49 minutes. No action was taken.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Jay Ball, Chair.

The next regular meeting of the board of trustees is on April 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Michele Smith, Secretary