

Tupper Lake Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Call to order by Mike Farkas at 9:29 am.

Attendance: Trustees: Mike Farkas, Rick Bujold, Bob Guiney, Rick Wilburn, Library Director: Peg Mauer

Public Comments: None

Minutes of meeting of January 14 - motion to approve as presented by Rick Bujold, second by Bob. All in favor. (5-0)

Bills and Payroll Spreadsheet: After review, motion to approve by Rick Bujold, second by Rick Wilburn. All in favor. (5-0)

Financial Report:

- Mike requested that a new line item for the HVAC expense be added to the report and that Therese Ellis be added as a signer to the renovations account. Motion by Rick Wilburn, second by Rick Bujold. All in favor. (5-0)
- Report looks positive with most items in line for this point in the fiscal year.

Budget:

- Mike questioned Peg about the library's software and hardware needs and whether the budget should make room for upgrades. Peg indicated that a thorough update has been completed during the past year and no major upgrades are planned or needed at this point.
- The board looked at some items for the upcoming budget. The following are projected amounts: \$5000 for external audit project, \$1000 - programs, \$26,500 - books, \$7,500 – utilities.
- Budget will be fleshed out at the March meeting for presentation to the school district in April.

New Business:

- Board discussed replacement of the library director. Motion by Rick Wilburn, second by Rick Bujold to appoint Ben Gocker as new library director to succeed Peg Mauer at an annual salary of \$46,000. All in favor. (5-0)
- Motion by Rick Bujold, second by Rick Wilburn, that Mr. Gocker work 30 hours per week beginning 2/18/2020 at his current salary of \$17.00 per hour until Peg's retirement date of 4/7/2020 at which time he will begin his salaried full time work week. All in favor. (5-0)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Minutes submitted by Bob Guiney.