

**PEABODY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 14, 2024**

The Library Board of Trustees met at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Spencer Mize, Mark Parker, Chris Bechtold, Greg Hockemeyer, Joel Frank and Director Michael Ashby.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular business meeting was called to order by Vice-President Spencer Mize.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for Budget Review was called to order by Vice-President Spencer Mize. There were no public comments.

A motion to close the public budget hearing was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Chris Bechtold. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular July Board meeting were approved.

A motion to approve was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Mark Parker. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E-RATE

Mike requested to continue participation in the State Library's E-Rate Consortium for Public Library Internet Access.

A motion to accept the resolution and continue participation was made by Greg Hockemeyer. Seconded by Chris Bechtold. Motion carried.

SUNDAY HOURS

There was discussion on whether the library should continue to be open on Sunday.

A motion was made by Greg Hockemeyer to close the library to patrons on Sunday's effective 9/8/24. We will remain open for meeting room use with one staff member to open/close and secure the library for room users. Mike will also have authority to offer some premium compensation to the staff member that works that day. Effective 9/9/24 the library will extend Monday hours to be open until 8pm. Seconded by Chris Bechtold. Motion carried.

It was also noted that any premium offered to staff should not increase the current 127.00 staff pay cost that is currently in place.

A motion was made by Joel Frank to re-visit the financials and staffing in January/February 2025. Seconded by Mark Parker. Motion carried.

HEALTHCARE

There was discussion on the healthcare change Mike is proposing for staff. It was decided that a few board members will meet along with an insurance representative from Parkview to hear and discuss any concerns or questions staff may have. Mike will set this up.

A motion to table a decision until September was made by Chris Bechtold. Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

BUILDING PROJECTS

Mike shared some of the building issues and projects that have recently been completed.

SUMMER LEARNING

Our Summer Learning program wrapped up in July with over 6000 entries turned in. The End party was also successful and fun was had by all who attended.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the August 2024 claims was made by Chris Bechtold. Seconded by Greg Hockemeyer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Spencer Mize. Seconded by Mark Parker. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parker, Secretary