



## **BOARD MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING 8/17/16 – PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Meridian Library District will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. The meeting will be held at the main library building located at 1326 W. Cherry Lane in the large conference room. Agenda for the meeting follows:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Megan Larsen, Chair (via phone); Dustin Barrett, Vice-Chair; Robert Everett, Treasurer; Howard Little, Trustee; Douglas Rutan, Trustee. **ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gretchen Caserotti, Director; Jeanie Gerwig, Finance Manager; Dawn Cronk, Administrative Assistant; Megan Egbert, Programs Manager; Zoe Haakenstad, Junior Librarian

**GUESTS:** Holly Beech

1. Call to Order: Dustin Barrett, Vice-Chair; called the meeting to order at 6:46p.m.
2. Presentation of Proposed Amended Fiscal Year 2016 Budget – Caserotti presented the proposed amended fiscal year 2016 budget. The library has received \$55,009 additional tax monies from Ada County, and the proposed amended budget reflects that income and adjusted expenses in both capital and operating lines to account for it.
3. Public Hearing – Amended Fiscal Year 2016 budget – Barrett asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from guests. No public comments.
4. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget – Caserotti presented an overview of the fiscal year 2017 budget with some restructuring. Technology categories and collection items are reflected on a line separate than Capital. Ada County preliminary numbers are in and we think we can accomplish our goals. Costs for modernizing our library, expanding Digital Services and Outreach, and making the library run more efficiently are priorities. We are sound fiscally as we have no debt. We are monitoring fines and fees this year so we can better judge what we can expect for next year's budget. Personnel costs are up, as we have added more positions. This also reflects 2 % merit raises. Use of the library is up 6% last year and 6% this year, an increase of 12% in 2 years. Operations are flat. We have received a 5% discount on insurance. The bond repayment is a zero until we see what happens this fall. Little pointed out a typo on the proposed budget; 2107 should be 2017. Caserotti will correct on all published versions.
5. Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2017 Budget - Barrett asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns from guests. No public comments.

Vice-Chair Dustin Barrett adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND APPROVED

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Gretchen Caserotti, Library Director

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Megan Larsen, Board Chair