



## **NOTICE OF LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 8/17/2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Meridian Library District was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The meeting was held in person at the main library building located at 1326 W. Cherry Lane in the lobby and online with streaming available.

**Board Present:** Megan Larsen, Chair; Jeff Kohler, Vice-Chair; Laura Knutson, Treasurer; Josh Cummings, Trustee; Destinie Hart, Trustee

**Staff Present:** Nick Grove, Library Director; Audra Green, Interim Assistant Director; Kristi Haman, Branch Manager; Travis Porter, Branch Manager;

**Guests:** 258 In-person, 105 Online

### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Oath of Office:** Destinie Hart and Josh Cummings read and signed the Oath of Office and were sworn in as Trustees.
2. **Public comments:** Larsen provided introductory comments and mentioned the Collection Development Policy process and how a patron can object to materials in the collection with a Request for Reconsideration form that is submitted to the Library Director. The Library Director considers the work as a whole, and individual passages are not taken out of context. The Reconsideration process is thoughtful and deliberative, involving multiple staff and numerous hours of research. The patron is notified of the decision in writing. If the patron does not agree with the decision, they can appeal it to the Board. This is the only time the Board will consider an individual item in the collection. The Board's role in reviewing any appeal is to determine whether the staff's decision complied with the library's policy and selection criteria and whether there is clear and convincing evidence that the Director's determination was not based upon substantial evidence or support. Larsen explained that dissolution of a Library District begins with a petition with 50 signatures of qualified electors residing in the district that is submitted to the Ada County Board of Commissioners. Once the Ada County Commissioners receives the petition they will schedule a public hearing within 3-6 weeks. The Commissioners are required by law to notify the Board, and publish legal notice about the hearing twice. After the hearing, the Commissioners have up to 10 days to make an order regarding the petition based on the hearing and their determination that dissolving the district is in keeping with the declared public policy of the state of Idaho regarding public libraries. The public policy is found in Idaho code 33-2701. If the Ada County Commissioners determine that dissolving the library district keeps with the state's public policy an election is held, and voters vote yes to dissolve the district, or no, not to dissolve the district. Individuals in person were given three minutes to speak. Comments were not accepted via WebEx during the meeting. Prior to the meeting, Written comments were submitted to the Board through the form on the website. Many of those comments were in support of a diverse and inclusive collection, and some comments expressed concern about some materials in the library. During the meeting speakers provided public comment. The Board accepted comments for approximately two hours and everyone that signed up to speak was given an opportunity to do so.

3. **Consent Agenda:** *[ACTION ITEM]* Consent agenda items are considered routine and are acted on with one motion. There is no separate discussion on these items unless a member of the library board requests an item be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2022
- b. Special Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2022
- c. Special Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2022

Knutson made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda, Kohler seconded. All in favor, none opposed, MOTION carries.

4. **Presentation and Discussion of Amended FY22 and Proposed FY23 Budgets:** Grove showed slides and charts of the updated FY2022 and FY2023 budgets. He provided explanations of Revenue, Capital Projects, Personnel, Capital Outlay and Operations. Grove requested that the updated budgets be approved for publication. The updated budgets will be considered at the public hearing and special meeting on August 31st.
5. **Approval of Publication of Amended FY22 and Proposed FY23 Budgets** *[ACTION ITEM]* Kohler made a MOTION to approve the revised budgets for publication. Hart seconded. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION carries.
6. **Library Director Report:** Staff is in the process of hiring much-needed staff to fill vacancies. The Finance Manager will start in late August. Some staff was promoted from 19 hours to 29 or 40 hours, and now we need to backfill the vacancies created with those promotions. Green is the Interim Assistant Director. Grove felt good about this budget instead of what was proposed before. Departmental reports are in the board packets.
7. **Approval July 2022 Financial Reports** *[ACTION ITEM]* Knutson made a MOTION to approve the list of bills and expenses, Kohler seconded. All in favor, none opposed. MOTION carries.
8. **Future Agenda Items** South Branch proposal, Board training regarding First Amendment issues created with attempting to restrict access to materials, Orchard Park timeline, Travis Porter to provide an update on Orchard Park, information about Tiny Library such as data on usage, cost, and whether we could use that model elsewhere to expand service.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:40 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND APPROVED

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Nick Grove, Library Director

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Megan Larsen, Board Chair