



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

The Board of Trustees of the Meridian Library met for a special meeting at 6:45 pm on Monday, August 7, 2017 in the small conference room at the Library on Cherry Lane. This special meeting was noticed as the Public Budget Hearing.

PRESENT: Dustin Barrett, Vice-Chair, Doug Rutan, Trustee; via telephone Megan Larsen, Chair, Christina Hirsch, Treasurer, via telephone Howard Little, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Gretchen Caserotti, Director; Jeanie Gerwig, Finance Manager; Dawn Cronk, Administrative Assistant; Cheri Rendler; Materials Services Manager; Jason Su, Technology Services Manager

GUESTS: None

1. Call to Order: Dustin Barrett, Vice-Chair; called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
2. Presentation of FY 2017-2018 Budget: Caserotti presented an overview of the 2017-2018 budget. 68% of the budget is for personnel salaries. Collections budget got an increase, much of it for e-content rather than physical books. Operating expenses for facilities are higher as we have an aging building. Technology has a slight increase, as we have aging equipment.
3. Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget: No guests present; no guest comments. Caserotti used the online Balancing Act for interested citizens to work with to make suggestions on the budget. There were 652 page views, and 17% of those were Meridian people. No one sent any changes, but suggested increasing our collection and decreasing our personnel.

Vice-Chair Dustin Barrett adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND APPROVED

Gretchen Caserotti, Library Director

Megan Larsen, Board Chair