

The Board of the Bayard Public Library of the City of Bayard, County Morrill, State of Nebraska, met in regular session in the Council Chambers on August 11, 2023, at 12:00 pm City of Bayard 445 Main Street, Bayard, NE. An agenda of the meeting was made available to the Board of Trustee members prior to the meeting. Present were Mandy Douglass, Linda Safford, Judy White, Rod Olsen. There being a quorum council present, President Mandy Douglass called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm with Linda Safford taking minutes. Library Director Becky Henkel was in attendance.

Motion to approve agenda was made by M. Douglass with J. White seconding the motion. The vote was Douglass, Safford, White, Olson: Ayes. Motion carried.

Open Meetings Act was acknowledged as posted.

A motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting was made by L. Safford. M. Douglass seconded the motion. The vote was Douglass, Safford, White, Olson: Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the bills and claims was made by M. Douglass and J. White seconded the motion. The vote was Douglass, Safford, White, Olson: ayes. Motion carried.

2023-2024 Library Budget: The board discussed the budget with a motion made by M. Douglas to go into executive session at 12:10 pm and seconded by L. Safford. The vote was Douglass, Safford, White, Olson: Ayes. Motion carried. The board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. L. Safford made a motion to enter back into regular session at 12:20 pm, and it was seconded by J. White. The vote was Douglass, Safford, White, Olson: Ayes. Motion carried. The board has decided to give Director Henkel a 5% merit raise and a 5% COLA increase or what the other City employees receive, determined by the City Council.

Directors Report: Director Henkel reported 816 books were checked out in the month of July. And the computers were used 19 times in July and 109 books were checked out on Overdrive. Director Henkel still delivers books to the Villa and to residents when needed. Summer reading and story time have ended, we had a good turnout and a lot of fun. The library ended up offering an extra week of both. The summer help will end on August 17, 2023 to return to college. The annual Western Library systems meeting was held in Bayard this year. We had 60 in attendance, 5 were from the Nebraska Library Commission. Librarians get 2 CE hours for attending each Library director is required to have 45 CE hours every three years to stay accredited. Bayard Public Library must reapply for accreditation in 2024. In July the Library received a memorial donation for new books, and a donation for postage and treats for patrons. We are looking to add a new member to our Library board with the passing of long-term Board Secretary Jeanette Thompson.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn was made by J. White with M. Douglass seconding the motion. The vote was Douglass, Safford, White, Olson. Ayes: Motion carried.

Next Library Board meeting will be 10/6/2023.

Submitted by Linda Safford