

February 24, 2021

Chairwoman Kelly Tester called the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library Board to order on February 24, 2021, at 5:32 PM in the Van Buren county library. In attendance were Regional Board members Vicki Carver, and Joye Hawk, as well as Interim Director of Van Buren county libraries Augie Bernstein. Joining via Zoom were Regional Board members Ben Thompson and Suzann Waggoner as well as Regional Director John McGraw.

Minutes of the October 28, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Ben moved to accept the minutes as presented. Suzann seconded the motion, which passed.

John asked that the board make a decision on the proposed amendment to Article 1 of the bylaws and define membership of the board. Vicki moved to amend Article 1 to state: "The Regional board consist of three representatives from each county board." Ben seconded the motion, which passed.

Bookkeepers Reports were reviewed. There was a call for comments or questions. John highlighted differences in the budget reports from 2020 and 2021, including a small decrease in state aid, moving the courier to the Regional budget, and the decreased cost of the new ILS. John explained the large amount spent on Overdrive in January as covering the platform fee for the entire year. The amount spent on books was roughly \$2500.

Statistics were reviewed. John discussed Learning Express, a database with test preparation tools for most every age level of school, plus a broad selection of professional exams. Means of promoting it were discussed, including visits to Parent Teacher Organizations, Teach the Teachers sessions, and screencasting.

State aid expenditures were reviewed. Ben moved to approve the expenditures. Suzann seconded the motion, which passed.

Old Business

There was a call for old business.

New Business

There was a call for new business.

Vicki motioned to adjourn at 5:59PM. Ben seconded the motion and the board adjourned.

May 26, 2021

Chairwoman Kelly Tester called the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library Board to order on May 26, 2021, at 5:38 PM in the Faulkner county library. In attendance were Regional Board members Joye Hawk, Jeff Moncrease, Kelly Tester and Ben Thompson, as well as Van Buren county Library Administrator Augie Bernstein and Regional Director John McGraw.

Minutes of the February 24, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Ben moved to accept the minutes as presented. Jeff seconded the motion, which passed.

Bookkeepers Reports were reviewed. There was a call for comments or questions.

Statistics were reviewed. John highlighted a decline in downloadables as COVID restrictions have eased.

State aid expenditures were reviewed. Ben moved to approve the expenditures. Suzann seconded the motion, which passed.

Old Business

There was a call for old business.

New Business

John presented a proposal from Sirsi-Dynix to perform authority control on the catalog. John demonstrated with the library records for the author of Curious George titles, showing how uncoordinated cataloging had led to multiple variations on a single name. Authority control would identify areas to consolidate and make the search for items easier. Jeff moved to approve the proposal. Joye seconded the motion, which passed.

John presented a proposal from Advocates For All Arkansas Libraries to pursue grant money to be distributed to the states for COVID recovery. This would be many times more than the \$2,000,000 distributed to the state library from IMLS. The state library has agreed to use its distribution infrastructure to award any state monies secured. AAAL is asking for \$.025 per capita from libraries, though the award would not be restricted to those who paid for the effort. That would mean \$3500, which is most readily available in the Regional board's carryover. Ben moved to fund the effort at the recommended rate. Jeff seconded the motion, which passed.

Jeff motioned to adjourn at 6:04PM. Ben seconded the motion and the board adjourned.

September 29, 2021

Chairwoman Kelly Tester called the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library Board to order on September 29, 2021, at 5:32 PM. In attendance via Zoom were Regional Board members David Emmerling, Joye Hawk, Jeff Moncrease, Kelly Tester and Ben Thompson, as well as Van Buren county Interim Director Deb Meyer and Regional Director John McGraw.

Minutes of the May 26, 2021, meeting were reviewed. Ben moved to accept the minutes as presented. Joye seconded the motion, which passed.

Bookkeepers Reports were reviewed. John mentioned that Hoopla had exhausted its carry-over. \$3500 moved from Kanopy to Hoopla. Problems with Electronic Income have been resolved. The August report shows the first eight months of the year.

Statistics were reviewed. David asked about social media and website traffic fluctuations. John said that things spike before Summer reading as programs are announced.

State aid expenditures were reviewed. David moved to approve the expenditures. Ben seconded the motion, which passed.

Old Business

There was a call for old business.

New Business

Fine Forgiveness policy amended to remove specific dates for amnesties, and granting counties leeway to hold other amnesties as county boards deem necessary. Jeff moved to approve the amendments. Kelly seconded the motion, which passed.

Digital Cards will be mailed. Digital cards can only be used to borrow digital material. No fines accrue to these items so there would be no need to come in to pay fines. Cards can be sold to people outside of our service area by putting the fee in the account and blocking use until the fee is paid. Ben moved to approve the policy. David seconded the motion, which passed.

Niche Academy provided training material for staff and the public. It can also host videos recorded for programming. There is enough left in the Kanopy budget line to pay for Niche Academy this year. Jeff moved to approve the Niche Academy bid. Ben seconded the motion, which passed.