

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Chippewa Falls Public Library Board of Trustees
June 9, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Hiess at 5:00 p.m. at Chippewa Falls Public Library Virginia O. Smith Meeting Room.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Ambelang, Hiess, Jones, King, Newton, Russell

Absent: Drehmel

Others Present: Director Joe Niese, Confidential Administrative Assistant Deb Braden, City Attorney Bob Ferg, City Manager Lynn Bauer

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by King seconded by Jones to approve the agenda. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

4. Closed Session

1. Motion made by Ambelang, second by Newton to go into closed session under WI Statutes 19.85(1) (b) "Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, or considering the grant or denial of tenure for a university faculty member, and the taking of formal action on any such matter, provided that the faculty member or other public employee or person licensed is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the person has the right to demand that the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session. This paragraph and par. (f) do not apply to any such evidentiary hearing or meeting where the employee or person licensed requests that an open session be held.

& 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories, or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

- a) To review employee discipline

Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Newton, Jones, King, Russell, Hiess. Motion carried.

When into closed session at 5:02pm

Motion made to return to open session by Ambelang, seconded by Jones at 6:34pm

Action taken. The Chippewa Falls Library Board of Trustees have reversed the director's decision and the employee in question will be terminated. Furthermore, the Board with the President will issue a written decision to the Director.

5. Disposition of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of May 12, 2021.

Motion made by King seconded by Russell to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of May 12, 2021. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.

6. Disposition of the vouchers to be paid from the 2021 budget after June 15, 2021.

Motion made by Ambelang seconded by King to approve the vouchers to be paid from the 2021 budget after June 15, 2021. Roll Call Vote. Voting Aye: Ambelang, Hiess, Jones, King, and Russell. Motion carried.

7. Public Appearances

None

8. Correspondence

Invitation to the groundbreaking on the Irvine Park Story walk.

9. Management report

The Management report is as read.

10. Committee Reports

a) None

11. Current Business

a) Election of Officers

President Hiess opened the floor to nominations. Motion made by King, seconded by Russell to re-elect Heiss as President. Motion made by King, seconded by Russell to move to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. New President is Heiss.

Motion made by Heiss, seconded by King for Ambelang for Vice-President. Motion made by Hiess second by King to move to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. The new Vice President is Ambelang.

Motion made by Ambelang, seconded by King for Newton for Financial Secretary. Motion made by Ambelang, seconded by King to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried. New Financial Secretary is Newton

b) Committee Assignments

The Committee Assignments will remain the same as the 2020-21.

c) Pandemic Library Services

The Library continues to see more patrons. No longer counting at the door. Additional furniture has been returned to the floor of the Library. Meeting rooms will remain closed to public until at least Fall.

d) Page Position

Director Niese is looking at renaming the page position. More information will be shared at a future meeting.

12. Announcements

None

13. Items for future consideration

- a) Presentation from Jenni Gilles-Turner on Diversity Inclusion Action Plan
- b) Fine Free
- c) More Budget

d) Staffing

14. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Russell seconded by King. All present Voting Aye. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Braden, Confidential Administrative Assistant