

## **East Islip Public Library**

## **Regular Meeting**

**January 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: John E. Flynn, President  
Jackie Flamio  
Deborah Y. Smith, Ed.D.  
Joseph Gabriel, AIA  
Victor C. Gremli, Jr.

Also Present: Guy Edwards, Library Director  
Deborah El-Warari, Assistant Director  
Pasquale Ferrara, Jr. of Innovative Capital...

### **Call to Order**

John Flynn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion from Dr. Smith (Dr. Gremli, unanimous), the agenda was adopted.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion from Mr. Gabriel (Ms. Flamio, unanimous), the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Board meeting were approved.

### **Financial Reports**

Upon a motion from Dr. Gremli (Mr. Gabriel, unanimous), the Board approved the financial reports, the December Claims Auditor's Report, and October and November 2022 Treasurer's Reports.

### **Director's Report**

Upon a motion from Dr. Gremli (Dr. Smith, unanimous), the Board approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, the Board of Trustees hereby appropriate \$50,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance and transfers it into the operating budget to cover expenses related to various facility related repairs and improvements.*

Upon a motion from Dr. Gremli (Mr. Gabriel, unanimous) and after discussion, the Board approved the expenditure of up to \$34,000 to replace the carpeting in the Children's Room and the Circulation Office.

Upon a motion from Ms. Flamio (Dr. Smith, unanimous) and after discussion, the Board approved both proposals from Rockmore Contracting to repair the stucco on the two story addition to the library.

After discussion, the Board authorized Mr. Edwards to proceed with various renovation projects costing under \$5,000 without seeking prior approval (Mr. Gabriel, Dr. Gremli, unanimous).

The Board and Administration discussed electric vehicle charging stations. Following, the Board tabled all proposals, deciding to reopen discussions on this matter once a new Library Director is appointed.

Upon a motion from Dr. Gremli (Mr. Gabriel, unanimous) and after discussion, the Board approved hiring Cullen & Danowski at a cost of \$12,300 to conduct this year's audit and submit financial statements.

Upon a motion from Ms. Flamio (Mr. Gabriel, unanimous), the Board set the 2023-2024 budget vote and election for Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, with the budget hearing set for Thursday, March 30, 2023.

The Director presented the proposed budget for 2023-2024. After discussion, the Board tabled approval until the February Board meeting.

Upon a motion from Dr. Gremli (Ms. Flamio, unanimous), the Board approved Ms. Pinkerton's request for a partial tuition reimbursement of \$143.53 from the Dollmann Education fund.

Upon a motion from Dr. Smith (Dr. Gremli, unanimous), the Board approved the following personnel transactions:

Name	Position	\$ Rate	Hours/wk.	Effective	Action
Brian Awgul	Librarian I	\$32.23/hr.	4	1/27/23	Reduction
Maureen McDonald	Librarian I	\$31.92/hr.	4	2/2/23	New
Stacey Furey	Librarian I	\$31.92/hr.	On Call	1/30/23	New

Upon a motion from Ms. Flamio (Dr. Smith, unanimous), the public session of the meeting was adjourned in order to convene in executive session to discuss negotiation with UPSEU, and the compensation package for the future Library Director in accordance with section 105 of the New York State's Open Meeting Law.

Upon a motion from Dr. Smith (Mr. Gabriel, unanimous), executive session was adjourned to reconvene the meeting in open session.

The Board and Administration discussed hosting a farewell / welcoming reception in April. Upon a motion from Mr. Gabriel (Dr. Smith, unanimous), \$2,500 was designated to support hosting this event.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board of Trustees meeting was set for Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. (Mr. Gabriel, Dr. Smith, unanimous).

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Ms. Flamio (Dr. Gremli, unanimous), the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

### **APPROVED:**

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John E. Flynn, President

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Guy Edwards, Library Director