

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
MINUTES
19 November 2020

A regular meeting of the Racine Public Library Board of Trustees was held 19 November 2020 at 4:30 PM via video conference due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Board members Tracy Austin, Angelina Cruz, Maurice Horton, Melissa Kaprelian, James O'Hagan, Ahmad Qawi, Chris Terry, and Susan Trottier were present. Brian O'Connell was excused. Co-Interim Executive Directors Robert Margis and Darcy Mohr along with Business Manager Daniel Schultz and one staff member also attended.

President Austin called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.

No members of the public were present nor had asked to speak.

President's Report – Tracy Austin

- Angela Zimmerman from the Mukwonago Community Library has been hired as the new Executive Director
- Board members may be contacted by the media regarding the new Director
- Ms. Zimmerman met with the Department Heads and some staff the second week of November
- Vice-President O'Hagan will chair the December meeting as Ms. Austin will be unavailable

Committee Reports

RUSD – James O'Hagan for Brian O'Connell

- RUSD schools will be closed until 15 January after Thanksgiving
- The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty filed a lawsuit to stop the schools from closing

- RPL loaned RUSD six gaming laptop computers so that some gaming competitions could be held between schools

City of Racine – Maurice Horton

- 2021 budget negotiations are completed
- The city will rebuild the King Center and attempt to build a Health Care Center in the same area
- Waiting on the new Transit Committee to form in order to seek some free parking around the library

Old Business

None

Action Taken by the Board

- It was moved by Mr. O'Hagan and seconded by Ms. Kaprelian that \$20 gift cards purchased from the Downtown Racine Corp. for Summer Reading Program prizes that went unused due to the pandemic be given to all staff members in lieu of a Holiday Party, this season. Motion carried.
- It was moved by Ms. Trottier and seconded by Mr. Qawi to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Schultz
Acting Recording Secretary