

**ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

April 15, 2024

Call to Order 7:35pm

Roll Call

Trustees	Present	Absent
Nina Nanasi, President	X	
Debra Trachtenberg, Vice President	X (7:40)	
Devry Pazant, Treasurer		X
Howard Haughton, Secretary	X	
Courtney Johnson-Suffern	X (7:41)	
Amy Jones Bulluck, Mayor's Alternate		X
Flor Ramirez	X	
Stacey Rosenzweig	X	
Gina Edone, School Superintendent's Alternate	X	

Minutes

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Minutes from February 12, 2024, seconded by Mr. Haughton. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Minutes from March 18, 2024, seconded by Mr. Haughton. Unanimously approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Haughton made a motion to approve the February 2024 Bill List, seconded by Dr. Rosenzweig. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Haughton made a motion to approve the February 2024 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mrs. Nanasi. Unanimously approved.

Interim Directors Report

March was exceptionally busy. The month started off with hosting a special education class from the high school. We toured the library, the class was set up with library cards and ended the trip browsing Young Adult fiction books, graphic novels and manga up in the Teen Section. The group does not usually receive funds for field trips and being that their school year extends into the summer months, the teacher, Theodora Murphy and Ms. Senedzuk discussed possible future trips back to the library.

Ms. Senedzuk was pleased to announce that our Children's Librarian Michelle Jurgensen was accepted into the BCCLS Supervisor Training program. The course is held at Bergen Community College over six sessions. As someone who was part of the second cohort of the program, I can attest that it is a worthwhile experience, learning new skills and honing those already in practice.

On the evening of March 4, Ms. Senedzuk presented at the Budget Hearing for the city council. The presentation went well and received great feedback. It is posted to the city's YouTube page for curious viewers.

Ms. Senedzuk attended a webinar presented by BCCLS about the new OCLC; Record Manager that goes live April 1, 2024. This program assists in finding records when linking materials; it is replacing CatExpress. Relevant staff members also attended and a training video will also be sent for follow up training.

David Schwalbe, our programming coordinator and Ms. Senedzuk met with Calvin Hill to discuss the 13th annual summer of jazz concerts on the front plaza. It was decided that there will be 8 concerts starting on July 11 running through August 29th, rain dates falling at the end. The lineup and promotional materials are coming soon. We also met with Carol Raucher, to partner with Bergen County mobile stage to host concerts in Veterans Park. Details to follow. We were also approached by the new group running Make Music Day, it will take the onus off of us as coordinators, and have us simply as a performance space. This is better for all involved.

The annual New Jersey State Aid report was completed and electronically submitted to the state library for the year of 2023. A copy was also shared with the BCCLS Office. This information is reported and directly affects the amount of state aid that we receive in the following year.

On March 26, the Library hosted the Englewood Rotary Community SAORI Tapestry Project reception in our gallery. There were about 50 attendees at the reception. Ms. Senedzuk spoke with Diane Jansen about

collaborating on more programs with them in the future. Mrs. Jansen also presented me with a citation honoring my leadership while partnering with the Rotary Club of Englewood for this display. She is very appreciative of this recognition.

Ms. Senedzuk requested a library apprentice from the 2024 session of the Englewood Business Apprenticeship Program. The program runs from July 1 through August 9. The program is sponsored by the City of Englewood, North New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, and Bergen Family Center. We have had great success with this program in the past, have no doubt this summer will follow suit.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Rosenzweig shared that we had submitted our Proposal Plan for the CPF Grant and the initial plan was rejected due to the inclusion of an outdoor meeting space. It was disappointing, but grateful to know that it wasn't just Englewood that was rejected. All grant winners were denied and had to remove outdoor meeting space from their proposals. We had a Zoom meeting with the State Library to go over the rejection and to clear up any other questions. We are submitting the new plans that we developed with our architect, Anthony Iovino to reallocate the space indoors and make budget adjustments.

School Report

Mrs. Edone shared that the schools The Englewood Board of Education and Dr. Marnie Hazelton, Superintendent of Schools, invites parents, guardians, caretakers, family and community members to attend a Dwight Morrow High School Community Forum to meet candidates for the Dwight Morrow High School Principal position on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 5-6pm in the King Hall Common Area. This is an in-person event, however a link to participate virtually will be sent out.

The Englewood Board of Education and Dr. Marnie Hazelton, Superintendent of Schools, invite parents, guardians, caretakers, family and community members to attend a McCloud Community Forum to meet candidates for the McCloud Elementary Principal position on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 5-6pm in the McCloud Elementary School Media Center. This is an in-person event, however a link to participate virtually will be sent out.

April is Autism acceptance month, educating and sharing acceptance of those in our schools and lives who are autistic.

It is Bus Safety Week, a news outlet came and did a segment at Quarles School about seatbelt safety and practiced bus evacuation drills.

Quarles has also partnered with Apple, has brought in coaches to work with teachers to have a debriefing on ways to enhance instructional delivery and student engagement.

High school students, spring college and career fair on April 18. It will showcase technical schools, colleges, trade programs and alternate route options. University of Pennsylvania will host information sessions about the college process.

NJSLA State Testing will be happening April 29 through May 18, 2024.

EPSD Connect Camp is for Englewood students in grades 2-8. It is a full day summer learning camp, links were sent out to all parents in the district.

Englewood Public School district was accepted into a national network of a League of Innovative Schools. It is a national network of school districts that connects forward thinking leaders in education. Will connect our educators with other districts and share information about technology, pilot programs and grants.

Old Business

Mr. Haughton made a motion to accept the personnel action forms, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Unanimously approved.

New Business

Ms. Senedzuk shared 2022 audit results Mr. Haughton made a motion to accept the 2022 audit, seconded by Dr. Rosenzweig. Unanimously approved.

Adjournment

At 8:20pm, Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Haughton. Unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2024, 7:30pm, Directors Office