ENGLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

May 18 2026

Call to Order 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Trustees	Present	Absent
Nina Nanasi, President	X	
Debra Trachtenberg, Vice President	X (7:39)	
Devry Pazant, Treasurer	X	
Stacey Rosenzweig, Secretary	X	
Mark Schwartz	X	
Karen Maas	X	
Flor Ramirez	X	
Michele Bowman, School Superintendent's Alternate	X	

Minutes

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February Board of Trustee Meetings, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Approved.

Correspondence

Ms. Senedzuk shared two letters of correspondence, the first being a letter of appreciation from the All Seasons Chamber Players on behalf of our Programming Coordinator, David Schwalbe, the second a donation of $1,000 from patron Marcia Strongwater to treat the staff for a consistent job well done.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Maas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and the bill list for February, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Approved.

Directors Report

Ms. Senedzuk shared; As mid-April approached; Tax Day, our AARP Tax Aide program drew to a close. We assisted 203 people in getting their taxes completed and filed in the 9 Thursdays that the volunteers were here. The foundation was pleased with the impact they had made in the community, as are we. We are looking forward to hosting them again in 2027.

A pump malfunction in our boiler room, Renier was quick to come and repair it, assuring us we had heat in the few chilly days we have left in spring. We are on their schedule to come and switch the system over to cooling as the summer rapidly approaches.

The Rotary of Englewood held a Saori weaving session here at the Library, as they have had in the past along with a display. They are preparing for a larger event at the Bergen PAC, in which we are all invited. We are hoping to welcome them back for a display once the renovations are completed.

Contacted the DPW in order for assistance with a giant old television that someone discarded in the bushes in the upper parking lot. While here, they also adjusted a few signs that were loosened due to plows packing snow on them this past winter. Most importantly, they poured a cement slab in order for us to have a new garbage can at our side entrance.

We are on record with the police regarding a patron who had an altercation with another patron on a Sunday afternoon. This patron has been disruptive before, so he is now banned from the Library. Staff is aware of who he is and knows not to engage and to call the police if he returns, as they will escort him off the premises.

Upcoming community outreach, EPD movie night at Mackay Park on June 10 and the Night Market June 14.

Leslie Taylor was honored to attend the Englewood Historical Society's 50th Anniversary Dinner this month, where I received a Preservation Award. Leslie is deeply grateful for this recognition and extends my sincere thanks to the Board, Kate, and the entire staff of the Englewood Public Library for their continued support. This acknowledgment reflects the collective effort and dedication of our team in serving the community.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Rosenzweig; The new doors were installed in the parking lot side entrance. They are a welcomed upgrade from the original doors that were there. New keys were given to the Fire Department and OEM director to assure easy access to the building in the event of an emergency. Additionally, the flooring in the hallways was installed, without us having to close as previously thought. The new blinds were installed on all of the windows, they have aided in blocking out the sun glare and will hopefully assist in keeping the building a bit cooler this summer. There are minor projects left for our General Contractor regarding this project, up next; furniture installation! On May 21, the windows will be cleaned inside and out, a large undertaking given how many windows we have, but a job long overdue.

School Report

Mrs. Bowman shared; Family Math Night was held at Dr. John Grieco Elementary School, bringing together families from across the district for an evening of engaging and interactive activities. The event offered fun and creative ways to explore math concepts, encouraging a love of learning and strengthening students' skills in an enjoyable, hands-on environment.

June 3, 2026 is a Family Night for the district- Preventing the Summer Slide, inviting the Library to participate to promote and encourage participation in our summer reading program.

Pep rallies were held at Dr. John Grieco Elementary School, Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School, and JanisE. Dismus Middle School to celebrate and reward the top readers in our SOAR Initiative. During these spirited events, students were recognized and surprised with an array of exciting gifts, including bikes, scooters,helmets, books, cameras, science kits, arts and crafts supplies, and more. The joy on the students' faces as their names were announced was truly priceless. Surrounded by the cheers and applause of classmates and teachers, the celebrations created unforgettable moments that these students will cherish for years to come.

Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton led the enthusiastic cheers, joined by Assistant Superintendent Dr. LauraScamardella, Jeanette Widensky, and other administrators. Adding to the excitement, the DMHS cheerleaders brought energy and spirit to the events, making the celebrations even more memorable. In addition to all the fun and excitement at Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School, we were honored to host a special presentation by Senator Gordon Johnson and

Assemblywoman Shama Haider. They visited to recognize McCloud's designation as a 2026 Blue Ribbon Beacon School and presented the school with a proclamation celebrating this outstanding achievement.

Daniel Ratchford, Founder and President of BroReavement, who formed a relationship with our DMHS My Brother's Keeper group after being a speaker last year, donated 20 tickets to our MBK students to attend the Broadway play, & Juliet. For several of our students, this was their first Broadway performance and they all enjoyed it immensely. Some of the students, who recently had lead roles in the DMHS adaptation of "The Wiz" attended. They were fascinated with every detail of the performance, and I can assure you, some of these kids have what it takes to be on the big stage! Many of the students met the actress who played Juliet after the show and got autographs and took pictures with her.

We continue to support our district families by providing complete meals, including breakfast, lunch and dinner items, household items and health and welfare items.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dr. Rosenzweig made a motion to approve the annual HVAC contract with Reiner. Approved by Ms. Maas, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Approved.

Adjournment

At 8:07 pm, Mr. Pazant made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Ramirez. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2026, 7:30pm, Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)