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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –October 18, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 W 10th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Browne, President
Laura Dominik
Susie Kenney
Jonathan Kemper
Michelle Smirnova
India Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Claudia Oñate Greim
Billie Howard Barnes
Denesha Snell

STAFF PRESENT: John Herron, Chief Executive
Jensen Adams, Energy and Sustainability Officer
Jessica Addo, Purchasing Manager
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director of Public Affairs and Community
Engagement
Michael Daly, AV Supervisor
Brianna Daniels, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Deputy Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Cindy Hohl, Director of Policy Analysis & Operational Support
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Dawn Mackey, Technical Services Manager
Heather Pedersen, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive
Services
Margaret Perkins-McGuinness, Deputy Director for Philanthropy
Beccah Rendall, AmeriCorps Program Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Assistant Director / Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Anthony Trakas, Finance Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Platt

Browne called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Kenney entered the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Motion by Dominik to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Regular Board meeting. Second by Kemper. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Motion by Dominik to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Kenney. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for September 2022: Payroll (9/8/22 net cash \$304,177 plus taxes \$107,418) and (9/22/22 net cash \$299,886 plus taxes \$106,446) total amount of \$817,927; General Expense Payments including Checks (#8974-9206), in tht amount of \$1,246,128. (LBM 4584)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for September 2022. (LBM 4585)

Discussing renewal of employee health and dental insurance (LBM 4586 and LBM 4587), Siragusa reported that the process of negotiation and final review of the proposals would require a few more days and that recommendations would be brought to the Board for approval at a brief virtual meeting before the end of October.

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to finalize a contract with Evergreen Flooring for the purchase and installation of carpet for the Central Library third floor for an amount not to exceed \$52,000. Second by Smirnova. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4588)

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to reappoint Debbie Siragusa to the Public School Retirement System of Kansas City, Missouri. Second by Kenney. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4589)

Discussing LBM 4590, Jones introduced Jeremy Drouin, Special Collections Manager, to give a demonstration of the Kansas City Star Database. Drouin explained that the Library would pay \$600,000 to purchase the digitized collection of the Kansas City Star and Kansas City Times Historical Archives for the years 1880 to 1990 and the hosting service. This would give staff and patrons access to search the files in the library and remotely. Deborah Stoppello, Director of Library Collections, explained that the Library was able to negotiate the price to purchase this digitized collection, while the remaining \$200,000 would be used to purchase important and enduring materials in the humanities for the general collections, Kauffman Grand Reading Room, and MVSC browsing collection. Stoppello discussed other newspapers that could potentially be digitized in the future.

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Library Director to authorize the distribution of \$800,000 from the Ewing Kauffman Book Fund (a component fund of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation) for the purchase of recommended materials. Second by Kenney. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4590)

Herron discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 4591) Herron highlighted that the Library hosted former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, who spoke to a crowd of 187 people at the Plaza Library. The video of the presentation had 522 engagements online over the next eight days. Herron updated the Board on the Secretary of State’s proposed administrative rule.

Motion by Dominik to adjourn. Second by Howard-Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Secretary

Date