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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – May 27, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Teresa Bolton, Customer Service Manager
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Naphtali Faris, Early Literacy Manager
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Library
Communication
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Branch & Library Services
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Alex Krause, Project Director, Building a Community of Readers
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Meredith Roberson, Waldo Branch Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Mary Thompson, Outreach Manager
Steve Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt

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

Motion by Dixon to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 regular Board meeting. Second by Bell. 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.)

Discussing the financial reports C. Kemper stated that the Library is tracking at or under budget on the expense side but that revenue may fall short. (LBM 3927) Overall revenue

and expenses are expected to offset each other resulting in a break-even budget by the end of the fiscal year. Siragusa added that a revised FY 2013-2014 budget will be brought to the Board at the June meeting to adjust for the reduction in E-rate revenue and expenses.

Discussing the online resources Jones reported that staff is recommending expansion of services offered through Freegal (free music downloads and streaming) and Tumble Books (e-books for children) based on the popularity of these resources with patrons. (LBM 3928) The Board suggested that a separate meeting be scheduled in the future for a deeper discussion of the changing role of electronic resources in libraries and strategies for how the Kansas City Public Library can best meet community needs for these resources.

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

Move approval of the recommendation the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for April 2014: Payroll (04/17/14 net cash \$223,124 plus taxes \$89,734) and (05/01/14 net cash \$215,461 plus taxes \$86,698), total amount of \$615,017; General Expense Payments including Checks (#161242-161491), in the amount of \$694,042. (LBM 3926)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for April 2014. (LBM 3927)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to execute contracts with various vendors to renew & begin licensing for library access to online databases at a price not to exceed \$330,379. (LBM 3928)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the distribution of \$225,000 from the Ewing Kauffman Book Fund (a component fund of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation) for the purchase of recommended materials. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3929)

Discussing the authorization to contract for Information Technology purchases C. Kemper noted that the recommended purchases from Insight Public Sector and World Wide Technology, Inc. total to \$93,060.68 and would be funded from the Capital budget. (LBM 3930)

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract with and/or make payment to the attached list of vendors in amounts not to exceed those detailed. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3930)

C. Kemper introduced new staff members Roberson and Krause and discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3931)

Motion by Mayta to convene a closed session under 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss personnel issues. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The Board was in closed session from 5:10 p.m. until 5:50 p.m. No action was taken.

Motion by Dixon to adjourn. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Crawford
Secretary

7/15/2014
Date