

**COMMITTEE NOTES**

**Finance & Audit Committee Meeting  
Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees  
September 20, 2011**

The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Mayta (Chair)  
Joan Caulfield  
Jonathan Kemper (ex officio)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Olivia Dorsey  
Claudia Oñate Greim

**OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Rose Marie Bell  
Leon Dixon

**STAFF PRESENT:** Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Claudia Baker, Director of Development  
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director  
Dorothy Elliott, Plaza Branch Director  
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services  
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and  
Communication  
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager  
Pam Kannady, Human Resources Director  
Steven Knapp, Library and Business Systems  
Manager  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director  
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer  
April Roy, Plaza Branch Assistant Director / Youth  
Services Manager  
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer

Mayta called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Discussing the proposed ad valorem tax rate, Siragusa stated that although it was possible to go above the voter approved 50.00 cents per assessed \$100 valuation during recoupment years, Library staff recommended that the ad valorem tax rate for 2011 be set at the maximum 50.00 cents per assessed \$100 valuation. She noted that an additional recoupment levy could be considered in two years if the assessed valuations go up.

**Motion by Caulfield to refer to the Board of Trustees the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to fix the Library's 2011 ad valorem tax rate at 50.00 cents per \$100 assessed valuation pursuant to the provisions of 67.110 RSMo. Second by Kemper. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3682)**

Discussing the proposed final 2011-2012 Library Operating Budget, C. Kemper noted that there were some changes between the final budget and the preliminary budget adopted by the Board at its June 28, 2011 meeting due to additional revenue of \$328,000 from property tax. Siragusa added that the revised budget maintains the use of \$246,888 of fund balance for capital outlay, and allocates the additional revenue anticipated from property tax to salaries, professional development and consultant and contracted services.

J. Kemper requested that the Board receive information on statistics and benchmarks related to materials budgets for libraries and suggested that the Library consider whether to revise the policy regarding the percentage of the Library's budget to be spent on materials.

**Motion by Dixon to refer to the Board of Trustees the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to adopt a final 2011-2012 Library Operating Budget General Fund of \$18,174,112. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3683)**

**Motion by Kemper to adjourn the meeting. Second by Caulfield. Approved unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Mayta, Chair  
Finance and Audit Committee

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Date