

COMMITTEE NOTES

Finance & Audit Committee Meeting Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees September 28, 2010

The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 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)

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT: Olivia Dorsey

STAFF PRESENT:
Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Administrative Officer
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Dorothy Elliott, Deputy Executive Director for Branch and
Outreach Services
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication
Kathleen Hinton, Senior Financial Accountant
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Lopez

Mayta called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Discussing the proposed ad valorem tax rate, Siragusa noted that although it was possible to go above the voter approved 50-cents per assessed \$100 valuation during recoupment years, the calculation of the ad valorem rate for 2010 (which included a property tax rate of .4947 and recoupment levy of .0052) was .4999, or 49.99-cents per assessed \$100 valuation.

Motion by Dorsey to refer to the Board the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to fix the Library's 2010 ad valorem tax rate at 49.99 cents per \$100 assessed valuation pursuant to the provisions of 67.110 RSMo. Second by Caulfield. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3600)

Discussing the proposed final 2010-2011 Library Operating Budget, C. Kemper noted that there was little change between the final budget and the preliminary budget adopted by the Board at its June 15, 2010 meeting. However, he noted that it was highly likely that the Library district would see declining property values affect its budget for the next fiscal year.

Motion by Dorsey to refer to the Board the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to adopt a final 2010-2011 Library Operating Budget General Fund of \$18,083,822. Second by Caulfield. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3601)

Discussing the proposed “Suspected Misconduct, Dishonesty, Fraud and Whistleblower Protection Policy” (LBM 3602), Siragusa stated that legal counsel had advised that the Library research the possible effect of adopting a whistle blowing policy as it relates to the risk of waving sovereign immunity. The Library, as a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, has sovereign immunity protection from certain lawsuits. There is some litigation that indicates that sovereign immunity might be waived if fraud protection policies are adopted. Sirgausa stated that she was researching the issue and working with legal counsel and auditors to find clarification on this issue. Mayta suggested that the policy be tabled until further research had been done on this issue.

Motion by J. Kemper to adjourn. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Mayta, Chair
Finance and Audit Committee

Date