

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
This meeting was videotaped.

President Nick Ciampi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

It was noted that the meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

Roll Call:

Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>	John Clyde	<i>absent</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>
Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>absent</i>	Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>
Edward Ward	<i>present</i>	Tom Lennon	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Edward Ward (Superintendent of Schools representative) and Tom Lennon (Mayor's Alternate) introduced themselves and were welcomed to the board.

Iris motioned to accept the minutes from the August 23 meeting. Ed Ward seconded, and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of August. The financial reports were filed for audit.

January highlighted various aspects of the narrative section of her monthly report. She noted that:

- One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four people attended 95 programs held at the library during the last month.
- The final statistics for all three, (adult, teen, children), summer reading programs had been received and illustrated the programs' success.
- The library had been awarded a competitive grant from the American Library Association and WETA, Washington, D.C. and would be hosting *The Vietnam War* by Ken Burns and Lynn Novik starting October 16. The Head of Adult Services spoke about this at the September 26 council meeting.
- Patron interest in Hoopla spiked following the library's article about it in the latest edition of *The Franklin Times*.

Correspondence and communications:

Letter from a patron thanking the library staff for its friendliness and professionalism, and calling the library "one of this township's greatest assets."

Old Business:

Iris noted that the Construction Bond referendum question would be on the upcoming November ballot. Discussion ensued over the proper way to alert the public. January will check with the State Library so that FTPL and the board handle any publicity appropriately.

New Business:

None

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters:
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a) Property negotiations
3. The Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was moved by Iris and seconded by Agnes. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

Property options and negotiations were discussed during executive session. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 6:42 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 25, 2017.

Iris motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ed seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services