

**LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:00 PM
Via Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order –President Ned Guyette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Sharon Sleger, Stanley Palmer, Kirsten Sleger, Tom Van Horn, David Pennefeather, Ned Guyette, Rick Hendrickson, and Larry Thomas. Absent and excused John Casavant. Also present: Chris Hamburg, Adult Services Coordinator and Jeff Dawson, Director.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2020 meeting, made by Palmer, second made by Sharon Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously. (the April 14, 2020 meeting was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic)

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to receive and file the March and April, 2020 financial reports, made by Thomas, second made by Hendrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Comment – Guyette is pleased with the library’s response to the pandemic in terms of service and safety. Sharon Sleger has heard many positive things about the library curbside service. Kirsten Sleger shared curbside service instructions with her students.

Director’s Report – Dawson updated the Board on floor plan changes, service models, and weeding projects that have happened over the course of the past two months. Discussion included when to best re-open the library that would allow patrons to enter the library. There was agreement that staff and patron safety is the top priority. Allow the staff the ability to make the call in reopening some services in the building; take caution to not re-open too soon. It was noted that curbside service meets roughly 80% to 85% of patron library needs, while re-opening would still not meet 100% of patron needs.

Report from City Council Representative – No report

Report from School District Representative – Discovering all the challenges associated with distance learning. Virtual classrooms are more difficult for elementary students and teachers and administration continues to search for a proper balance. Summer school will be virtual, starting with upper elementary students, still formulating the final plan. Grading for K-8 is on pass/complete system; high school students will have A,B, pass or incomplete. June 5 is the last day of class. Administration and staff have developed several newsletters for parents and students. Food service is in full operation providing meals for students. The district is maintaining unity through the “3 C’s” 1. Caring 2. Compassion 3. Connections

Report from County Representative – The County Board has met once at the Expo Center, they are working on future ability to hold Zoom meetings. Please stay safe!

Unfinished Business

- Motion to approve the Slate of Officers for 2020/21 – Ned Guyette, President and Stanley Palmer, Vice President, made by Hendrickson, second made by Kirsten Sleger. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve changes to the Supervisor in Charge policy made by Van Horn, second made by Thomas. Voice vote carried unanimously.

New Business

- Motion to approve naming of the Library Trail, which runs from 12th Street to Madison Street in honor of Patrick Gagnon made by Thomas, second made by Hendrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Education – None

Closed Executive Session – None

Motion to adjourn made by Kirsten Sleger, second made by Hendrickson. Voice vote carried 5 aye votes with one nay vote (Van Horn). Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Dawson, Director