

**Minutes of the Poudre River Public Library District
Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting**

**September 9, 2019
4 p.m.**

Harmony Library
4616 S. Shields Street
Fort Collins, CO

PRESIDENT:	Becki Schulz	556-9499
VICE PRESIDENT:	Fred Colby	858-414-5635
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:	David Slivken	221-6670
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:	Cynthia Langren	221-6694

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fred Colby
John Frey
Matt Schild
Becki Schulz
Joe Wise

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Valerie Arnold
Amanda Quijano

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Doran
Ken Draves
Cynthia Langren
Rachel Miller
David Slivken
Rob Stansbury
Sabrina Stromnes
Paula Watson-Lakamp

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cam Richards, Legal Counsel
Anna Thigpen, BKD

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Schulz called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and declared a quorum of the board present.

II. AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 12, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Vice President Colby to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schild, and it carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

V. REPORTS

a. Director’s Report – Slivken

Executive Director Slivken verbally highlighted a couple of items included in the written report. The report was accepted as presented.

b. Financial Report – Miller

Finance Director Miller provided the August report in the packet and went over it verbally. The report was accepted as presented.

c. Legal Status Report – Richards

Mr. Richards had nothing to add to the written report and there were no questions. The report was accepted as presented.

d. Financial Audit – Anna Thigpen, BKD

Finance Director Miller introduced Anna Thigpen with BKD. Ms. Thigpen briefed the board on her firm’s findings for the audit of the financial statements of the District for the year ended December 31, 2018. In conclusion, the District had a clean audit.

e. Fine Free Children’s Materials Report – Slivken

Executive Director Slivken gave a PowerPoint presentation on the impacts to date of the Fine-Free Children’s and Teen materials policy revision that was implemented August 2017.

In conclusion, he stated that the Colorado State Library recommends governing bodies eliminate library fines on children’s materials. Fines are punitive, not educational incentives.

He added that at a time when libraries wish to remain relevant and increase library use, it may be counterproductive to enforce policies that are punitive in nature and further the unfortunate stereotype of libraries as institutions to be feared, particularly among lower income families. Therefore, he recommends the fine-free children’s and teen material policy remain in effect.

The board discussed whether the Library District is getting a benefit from this program and Mr. Slivken stated the bottom line is we need to do a better job of helping people with barriers have access to all that our libraries have to offer.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Board Retreat, November 15 – Proposed Agenda - *Schulz*

President Schulz envisions the retreat agenda to include team building exercises, the Strategic Plan and next steps. If anyone has additional topics or ideas, please email them to Executive Director Slivken and President Schulz.

The retreat will be November 15 at Primrose Studio from noon – 4 p.m. Once the agenda is finalized, it will be shared with the board, along with directions to the facility.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Second Reading, 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan – Approval Requested – *Slivken*

Executive Director Slivken provided a verbal update on the Plan. A few minor wordsmithing changes were discussed which will be incorporated into the final document.

There was a motion by Trustee Schild to approve the 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan. Vice President Colby seconded the motion, which carried by unanimously, 5 – 0.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Friends of the Library - *Wise*

- The nook at Old Town Library has grossed \$14k so far this year which is remarkable. If this space can be improved in the Old Town Library refresh, that would be helpful.
- The Friends approved the items on the first tier of the 2020 wish list.
- The next book sale will be on October 19, there will be a sale at Old Town Library that will tie in with the Book Fest theme. Therefore, all the books at the sale will be food related.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Langren

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Recording Secretary

Matt Schild
Secretary-Treasurer