

PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Doug Reese. A quorum was announced and introductions were made.

Present were committee members: Denis Anderson, Roger Vacek, Graylen Carlson, Brad Johnson, Doug Reese, Cheryl Heimerl, Ron Antony and Jeff Lopez. Absent: Brent Olson, Mike Housman and Randy Kramer. Admin Staff present: Laurie Ortega.

Guests: Kathie Behrens, head librarian, Madison/Canby/Dawson/Granite Falls

The Agenda was approved on a motion by Anderson, seconded by Heimerl.

Minutes of the February 19, 2015 Executive/Finance committee were approved on a motion Carlson, seconded by Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: The February 2015 financial report was approved on a motion by Johnson, seconded by Vacek.

Bills and check registers: Approved on a motion by Antony, seconded by Heimerl.

Personnel Committee:

New hires: The following new hires were approved on a motion by Vacek, seconded by Lopez:

Susan Ripley, Library Assistant I, Maynard

Rachel Christensen, Library Assistant I, Granite Falls/Madison/Canby/Dawson

Anna Schweiger, Library Assistant I, Appleton

Old Business: Legislative Update

RLBSS/Formula Change: There is a signed bill moving forward in the legislature that contains an increase in RLBSS funding to regional library systems, along with the formula change previously discussed and supported by the PLS board. Both the formula change and an increase in RLBSS funding are beneficial to Pioneerland. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

House Omnibus Education Policy Bill (HF 1591): This bill contains language recommended by State Library Services which would change MN Statutes, section 134.20, subd. 2, to require that the governing board of a regional library system employ a chief administrative officer who is compensated by no more than one regional library system. This is a modified version of the provision in the MDE policy bill requiring that the governing board of a regional library system employ a full-time chief administrative officer. PLS Executive/Finance Committee is opposed to any such language as limiting local autonomy and regional governing boards' ability to hire based on local needs.

New Business:

2015 Annual Report: A request for approval to sign/submit the Annual Report to State Library Services was approved on a motion by Heimerl, seconded by Anderson.

Directors Report:

RLTA: Due to the large increase in the cost of PLS's upgraded telecommunications network, which increased our share of requested RLTA dollars, we have been asked to provide specific documentation for review by State Library Services. PLS Admin has provided all documents requested and will continue to cooperate in every way possible.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Laurie Ortega