

## Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the library board was called to order by Chairman Carolyn Torrance at 5:16 p.m. The meeting was held remotely. **Trustees participating:** Michelle Anderson, James Reed, Tom Richardson, Tom Sewell, Jana Shaver and Carolyn Torrance. **Absent:** Megan House.  
**Also attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins and John Long.  
**Adoption of Agenda-**Richardson moved and Anderson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.
  1. Approval of Minutes-Minutes of the March 18 meeting were approved as corrected.
- II. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was adopted as presented. Total expenses for bills and payroll through the month of March were \$48,257.30.
- III. **Old Business:** 1. Budget: USD 446 denied the library request to increase the mil levy by 1/4 mil. A revise 2021 budget reducing the salary increase from 3% to 2 was presented. Sewell moved to approve the revised budget. Reed seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. **New Business:** Torrance reminded board members to turn in their evaluations on the director's performance within the next week. She also announced that Megan House has resigned and a new board member who resides outside the city limits and inside the USD 446 district is needed.
- V. **Staff Reports:** 1. Director's Report: \*Hopkins reported that the library is doing research for the Community Task Force. Bill Gour is now writing book reviews for the Independence Daily Reporter. Brandon West will be attending a grant meeting. The staff is doing well during the shut-down.
- VI. **Comments from the Board:** Torrance complimented Hopkins on progress during this difficult time. She thanked the staff and said she cannot believe what they have done, her hard work and creativity during this difficult time and thanked her.
- VII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:15 p.m. The same codes will be used for board members calling in.

Jana Shaver, Secretary

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_