

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees March 13, 2023

Richmond Memorial Library

Board of Trustees

February 13, 2023

The February meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 13, 2023. President Gregg McAllister called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Gregg McAllister, Norm Argulsky, Rebecca McGee, Kristi Evans, and Leslie Moma

Also present: Interim Director Diana Wyrwa and Deputy Clerk Debra Levins

Excused: Catrina Lasher & Jessica Ecock Rotondo

Approval of Minutes

President G. McAllister declared the minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting as approved.

Public to be Heard - None

Library Director's Report

Interim Director's Report

The fine free period will continue. We are waiting for the "next steps" from Nioga. Hotspots are available for loan. Chromebooks just arrived and are being processed. Tax forms are available along with the face to face tax assistance. Interim Director Wyrwa will be working with RML's new Director Beth Paine during her first 2 or 3 days. President Gregg McAllister praised and thanked D. Wyrwa for stepping in as Interim Director.

January 2023 Librarian Reports

The Board reviewed monthly reports from Librarians Rita McCormack, Samantha Stryker Basile, Elizabeth Beardslee, Deborah Wood, Felicia Cecere and the Children's Room report from Librarian Sue Potera.

December 2022 Statistics

The December 2022 Statistic Report was reviewed.

Tax Cap filing

Interim Director Wyrwa discussed the Tax Cap filing process.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

There was a discussion regarding the finance committee in regards to the budget.

Financial Reports

January 2023 Summary of Revenues and Appropriations

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the January 2023 Summary of Revenues and Appropriations. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

December 2023 Bank Reconciliations

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the December 2023 Bank Reconciliations. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Invoices for Payment

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the manual checks on Warrant 45 for December 2022 and January 2023 dental insurance by Solstice and January 2023 Health Insurance by Proflex Administrators LLC in the total amount of \$5,345.62. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$13,808.85 on Supplemental Warrant 41. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$3,602.55 on Supplemental Warrant 44. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$1,891.06 on Supplemental Warrant 46. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by R. McGee, it was resolved to approve the payment of \$38,759.91 on Warrant 47. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Budget Line Transfer Request

Upon the motion of N. Argulsky, seconded by L. Moma, it was resolved to approve the following transfers:

\$2,000 from NYS Retirement – Marshall Grant to Books – Marshall Grant to move excess funds from “NYS Retirement – Marshall Grant” line to purchase more books.

\$15,000 from Other Expenses to Other Expenses/Computers to move unused funds to “Other/Computers” line due to several thousand dollars of unexpected hardware, software and IT service expenses.

\$1,650.00 from Other Expenses to Periodicals to move unused funds to “Periodicals” due to insufficient funding on that line.

\$2,500.00 from Other Expenses to Utilities to move unused funds to “Utilities” due to insufficient funding on that line.

All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Communications

Resignations of Norman March, Library Page and Kevin Conklin, Substitute Librarian

Upon the motion of R. McGee, seconded by L. Moma, the resignations of Norman March, Library Page and Kevin Conklin, Substitute Librarian were accepted. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Genesee County Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner

Our very own Trustee, Norm Argulsky, was named Genesee County Chamber of Commerce Geneseean of the Year. Trustees were given information on the Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Batavia Downs. RSVP's are due by February 24, 2023 to the Chamber.

Unfinished Business

D. Wyrwa gave a verbal report regarding library insurance. She contacted similar libraries for information about their insurance coverage and rates. Insurance company evaluations were suggested by R. McGee.

New Business

Appointment of Library Director

Upon the motion of R. McGee, seconded by N. Argulsky, Beth Paine was provisionally appointed as Library Director at a salary of \$83,000 effective February 22, 2023. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Clerk to the Board, effective February 22, 2023

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by L. Moma, Beth Paine was appointed as Clerk to the Board effective February 22, 2023. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Purchasing Agent, effective February 22, 2023

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by L. Moma, Beth Paine was appointed as Purchasing Agent effective February 22, 2023. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Payroll Certifier, effective February 22, 2023

Upon the motion of K. Evans, seconded by L. Moma, Beth Paine was appointed as Payroll Certifier effective February 22, 2023. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of 2 Library Pages – Mercades Koschara and Isabel Conlin

Upon the motion of N. Argulsky, seconded by R. McGee; Mercades Koschara was appointed as Library Page effective 1/30/23 at the current minimum wage of \$14.20 an hour. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Upon the motion of N. Argulsky, seconded by R. McGee; Isabel Conlin was appointed as Library Page effective 2/01/23 at the current minimum wage of \$14.20 an hour. All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Revision of Vote Itinerary

There were a couple of minor revisions to the library vote itinerary.

Revision of compensation for Election Inspectors, Chairperson & Vote Registrar

Before approving the resolution appointing the Library Vote Board of Registration and the resolution appointing the Election Inspectors, local rates were compared and a discussion about the stipend pay, which had not been increased for many years, followed.

Resolutions pertaining to May election

Upon the motion of R. McGee, seconded by N. Argulsky, it was resolved to approve the following 6 Resolutions pertaining to the May 4, 2023 Richmond Memorial Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election as amended:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOARD OF REGISTRATION

RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 2606 of Education Law, the Board of Trustees of Richmond Memorial Library, Batavia, Genesee County, New York hereby appoints a Board of Registration for the term of one (1) year, consisting of one (1) member which number the Board of Trustees deems necessary, to wit, the following person:

Ms. Debra Levins

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby designates Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York, which is a place within the said Batavia City School District, as the place where such Board of Registration shall oversee for the purpose of preparing a register of qualified voters of the District pursuant to Section 2606 of Education Law, and the compensation for Ms. Debra Levins is hereby fixed at a stipend of \$260.00.

By the order of the Board of Trustees
Richmond Memorial Library
Dated: February 13, 2023

Diana Wyrwa, Clerk of the Board of Trustees
of Richmond Memorial Library

**RESOLUTION NOTICING SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF
RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 2004 of Education Law, that the Board of Trustees of Richmond Memorial Library, cause, and hereby does direct the clerk to cause a notice to be published four times within the seven weeks, next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before said meeting on May 4, 2023, which dates of publication shall be on March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 6 in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
OF BATAVIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BATAVIA, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK
ON BEHALF OF
RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special district meeting of the qualified voters of the Batavia City School District, Batavia, Genesee County, New York, will be held at Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York on Thursday, May 4, 2023 during the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM to 9:00 o'clock PM, prevailing time, during which hours polls will be open for the purposes of voting, by paper ballot, upon the following items:

- (1) To adopt the Annual Library District Budget of Richmond Memorial Library for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of said School District; and,
- (2) To elect one (1) Trustee of Richmond Memorial Library, to fill a three-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, as a result of the expiration of the term of office presently held by Gregg McAllister; and,

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that for the purposes of voting at such meeting on May 4, 2023, the polls will be open between the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM and 9:00 o'clock PM, prevailing time, and voting will be held in the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York; and,

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for Richmond Memorial Library's purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in Batavia City School District during the seven days immediately preceding said meeting, except Sunday and holidays, from Richmond Memorial Library, located at 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York, during the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM to 5:00 o'clock PM, prevailing time; and,

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 2017 of Education Law a public information meeting for purposes of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof, will be held at Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York, on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM; and,

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of Richmond Memorial Library shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York, not later than Tuesday, April 4, 2023 which petitions shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM to 5:00 o'clock PM, prevailing time. Vacancies on the library board are not considered separate, specific offices, and the nominating petitions, therefore, shall not describe any specific vacancies upon the library board for which the candidate is nominated. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Richmond Memorial Library, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the School District, and must state the residence of each signer, and the name and residence of the candidate; and,

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2606 of Education Law or pursuant to article 5 of the Education Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2606 of Education Law and has voted at any annual or specific district meeting within the past four years, such voter is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, such voter is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to Section 2606 of Education Law at Richmond Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 between the hours of 1:00 o'clock PM and 5:00 o'clock PM, and 7:00 o'clock PM and 9:00 o'clock PM, prevailing time, and in addition, voters may register at the Genesee County Board of Elections, to add any additional names to the register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such registers, providing that at the meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known, or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such public hearing or election for which such registers are prepared, and that the registers so prepared pursuant to section 2606 of the

Education Law of the State of New York and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Genesee County will be filed in the office of the Clerk of Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM to 5:00 o'clock PM, prevailing time, on and after April 20, 2023 and each day thereafter prior to the day set for the special district meeting, except holidays, Saturdays and Sundays; and,

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the provisions of 2018-a of the Education Law, absentee ballots for the election of Trustee of the Library and the adoption of the annual budget may be applied for at the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street between the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM to 5:00 o'clock PM. Such application must be received by the Clerk of the Richmond Memorial Library by 4:00 o'clock PM on April 25, 2023 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or by 4:00 o'clock PM on May 1, 2023 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots shall be available at Richmond Memorial Library during regular business hours beginning April 10, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Richmond Memorial Library on each of the five (5) days prior to May 4, 2023, except Saturday, Sunday and holidays, and such list will be posted at the polling place in the Richmond Memorial Library on May 4, 2023.

By order of the Board of Trustees
Richmond Memorial Library
Dated: February 13, 2023

Debra Levins, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Trustees
of Richmond Memorial Library

**RESOLUTION NOTICING TIME AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS
FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 19
ROSS STREET, BATAVIA, NEW YORK**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the said Board of Registration is hereby directed to meet on April 11, 2023 at Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York, during the hours of 1:00 o'clock PM to 5:00 o'clock PM and from 7:00 o'clock PM to 9:00 o'clock PM, for the purpose of preparing the registers for the forthcoming special district meeting,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees shall publish a notice of registration, and the clerk is hereby directed to do so, once in each of the two (2) weeks preceding the 11th of April, to wit, on March 30th and April 6th in the *Batavia Daily News*, which notice shall be in the following form:

**NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION OF VOTERS
FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY, BATAVIA, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of preparing registers of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Batavia, New York, at Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross Street, Batavia, New York on April 11, 2023 from 1:00 o'clock PM to 5:00 o'clock PM and from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. "Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the election district in which he or she resides, or who has moved to another

residence within that district following the date of such registration, or who has not voted at a general election at least once in the last four successive calendar years, should, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for the registration or otherwise register at the Genesee County Board of Elections.”

By order of the Board of Trustees
Richmond Memorial Library
Dated: February 13, 2023

Debra Levins, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Trustees
of Richmond Memorial Library

**RESOLUTION TO NOTICE THE FILING OF REGISTERS FOR THE SPECIAL DISTRICT
MEETING OF
RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY, BATAVIA,
GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 2606 of Education Law, the Board of Trustees of Richmond Memorial Library publish, and it hereby directs the clerk thereof so to do, a motion stating that the library election registers have been filed and noting that the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross St., Batavia, New York as the place at which they are on file, and setting the hours to wit: from 9:00 o'clock AM to 5:00 o'clock PM in each week day other than Saturday from date of the notice up to May 4, 2023 when they will be open for inspection and such notice shall be published once in each of the two weeks preceding such election in the *Batavia Daily News*, as newspaper having a general circulation in said City School District of Batavia, to wit: on April 20 and April 27, 2023 which said notice shall be in the following form:

**NOTICE OF FILING OF REGISTERS
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY, BATAVIA, GENESEE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the registers prepared as provided in section 2606 of the Education Law have been completed and have been filed in the Richmond Memorial Library and notice is further given that said registers will continue to be on file at the Richmond Memorial Library, 19 Ross St., and will be open for inspection from the hours of 9:00 o'clock AM to 5:00 o'clock PM in each week day other than Saturday from the date hereof up to the date of annual meeting to wit: May 4, 2023.

By order of the Board of Trustees
Richmond Memorial Library
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Debra Levins, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Trustees
of Richmond Memorial Library

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR NEW VOTERS**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to section 2607 of the Education Law, and establishing the same procedures approved by the Batavia Board of Education for governing proof of identity of new voters at their April 23, 1996 meeting, the Board of Trustees of Richmond Memorial Library hereby approves for the Special District Meeting of Richmond Memorial Library on May 4, 2023 the following rules and regulations:

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING PROOF OF IDENTITY FOR NEW VOTERS**

1. A personal acquaintance by any one member of the Inspectors of Election shall be sufficient evidence to establish identity.
2. The production of a New York State Driver's license or non-driver I.D. with a signature shall be sufficient evidence of identity.
3. The production of a Social Security card shall be sufficient evidence of identity.
4. The production of a Selective Service registration card shall be sufficient evidence of identity.
5. The production of a United States Passport or Passport card shall be sufficient evidence of identity.
6. The making of a statement by the voter in writing before the chairman of the Inspectors of Election that he or she is the person who seeks to vote shall be sufficient proof of identity.

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Diana Wyrwa, Clerk of the Board of Trustees
of Richmond Memorial Library

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR
MAY 4, 2023 BUDGET VOTE/TRUSTEE ELECTION**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to section 2607 of the Education Law this Board of Trustees of Richmond Memorial Library hereby appoints as Inspectors of Election for the Annual Budget Vote/Trustee Election to be held at Richmond Memorial Library on May 4, 2023 the following qualified voters residing in Batavia City School District:

Debra Levins, Chairperson
Barbara Matarazzo
John Deleo
William Sargent
Kathy Briggs, Alternate

And the clerk is hereby directed to give written notice of the appointment to the persons so appointed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the compensation of each inspector is hereby fixed at \$195.00 and \$260.00 for the Chairperson.

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Diana Wyrwa, Clerk of the Board of Trustees
of Richmond Memorial Library

All Members voted yes. Motion carried.

Gregg McAllister and the Board of Trustees whole heartedly thanked Diana Wyrwa for stepping in and doing such an amazing job as our Interim Director.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Gregg McAllister adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Wyrwa, Clerk

Next Meeting March 13, 2023