

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIBRARIES
Board of Trustees Meeting
Public Hearing for Budget Adoption
December 2, 2019
Lone Tree, Colorado

President Duffy called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was held and noticed in compliance with both Colorado Open Meeting Law and the Douglas County Libraries Bylaws.

The following were present:

TRUSTEES: John Beckwith, Ron Cole, Sean Duffy, Lawrence Falter, Bob Morris, Meghann Silverthorn and Louise Wood

All trustees were present. A quorum was present.

STAFF: Bob Pasicznyuk, Dave Anderson, Cliff Davidson, Amber DeBerry, Elizabeth Lamonina, Jeff Konishi, Dave Meyer, Rick O'Dell, and Patti Owen-DeLay

MOTION 19-12-01: Morris moved and the motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATION

Cliff Davidson presented elements of Storytime for sensory students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dr. Rudy Ramsey – Concern with political appointment of library board and lack of connection to the history of library demonstrated by the removal of “James H. LaRue” from the Highlands Ranch library.
- Eleanor Brown – Concern with decision and more so the manner in which the decision was rushed through.
- Dr. Dana Torpey Newman – Concerns with partisan actions by trustee Silverthorn and Duffy’s article stating library board as being nonpolitical when it acted in a very political manner by removing James H. LaRue’s name from the Highlands Ranch library. (Dr. Torpey Newman requested that her written comments be included in the minutes. The minutes are records of action and only include brief statements on public comment.)
- Katie Barrett – Concern with removal of James H. LaRue’s name from the Highlands Ranch library as a capricious action.
- K.C. Neel – Disappointment with the removal of James H. LaRue’s name from the Highlands Ranch library as being petty politics.
- Michelle Ling – Spoke in support of removal of James H. LaRue’s name from the Highlands Ranch library as being sound policy.

- Eleanor Glover – Saddened to have James H. LaRue’s name removed from the Highlands Ranch library due to his contributions.
- Benjamin Ling – Spoke in favor of removal of James H. LaRue’s name from the Highlands Ranch library due to LaRue’s political actions.
- Emily Suyat – Found the board’s actions to remove LaRue’s name as punitive and bad precedent.
- Kathleen Boyer – Speaking for Connie Ingram and herself; concern with removal of James H. LaRue’s name from the Highlands Ranch library as being spiteful.
- Esther Okanlawon – Displeasure with the board in changing the name of the Highlands Ranch library.
- Lindsey Smithson – Concern with the why of the decision to rename the Highlands Ranch library and its negative impact on the district.

MOTION 19-12-02: Wood moved and the motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda consisting of the October 30, 2019, board meeting minutes and revised 2020 board meeting dates.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Douglas County Libraries Board of Trustees is now convened for adoption of the Final 2020 Budget.

Duffy opened the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget for Douglas County Libraries. In compliance with Colorado Statutes, and as legally noticed, a public hearing is being held on December 2, 2019, for the purpose of adopting the Final Budget for 2020.

The budget for 2020 as shown by the attachment is made a part of this Resolution and is proposed for adoption as the Final Budget of the Douglas County Libraries for 2020. No adjustments are being proposed at this time.

At this time the board will be pleased to hear any citizens’ comments concerning the Douglas County Libraries Final Budget for 2020. Do we have any citizens who would like to make comment?

No public comments were made on the adoption of the 2020 budget.

Review of Budget Changes

Anderson reviewed changes to the revenue and expenditures of the budget proposed for adoption from the initial October draft budget.

MOTION 19-12-03: Cole moved and the motion carried unanimously to approve.

RESOLUTION 2019-12-01 Adopting a Budget; **RESOLUTION 2019-12-02** Setting Mill Levies; and **RESOLUTION 2019-12-03** Appropriating Sums of Money as presented.

Duffy closed the Public Hearing.

EXECUTIVE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Pasicznyuk directed the board to his report recalling 2019 accomplishments. He noted:

- Best place for kids
- Author events
- 2020 budget returning \$3 million to reserves for future growth

DISTRICT BUSINESS

No one declared a conflict of interest.

Meeting Follow-up Items

All items were reported on in the board packet. No further action required.

- Full-time versus part-time employees
- Motion sensor in budget – Mistake in numbers, amended to \$8,000 from \$800
- Data security
- Name change costs

Quarterly KPI Report No board discussion.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Cole encouraged everyone to support the libraries by contributing to the library Foundation next Tuesday, December 10, during Colorado Gives Day.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Morris stated that the vote to remove LaRue's name off the library happened while he was in Europe. Morris finds the act reprehensible.

Wood – A public body must remember that a named building is an honor but also a burden when the named individual is still living. The named individual remains a tacit representative of the institution and his or her actions can be considered reflective of the institution and its values. The removal of LaRue's name leaves him free to live his life and take whatever private and public actions he likes without concern for their impact on the library.

Beckwith thanked the public for coming and speaking tonight.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

1. **Board Meeting**: January 29, 2020, Castle Pines Library, Castle Pines North Master Association Event Hall, 7:00 p.m. (dinner at 6:30 p.m.)
2. **Board Study Session**: January 29, 2020, Castle Pines Library, Castle Pines North Master Association Event Hall, 5:00 p.m.

OTHER BOARD CALENDAR ITEMS

1. **Partnership of Douglas County Governments Meeting**: December 18, 2019, City of Castle Pines, Castle Pines Library, 7:00-9:30 a.m.

ADJOURN MOTION 19-12-04: Falter moved and the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Louise Wood, Board Secretary
Minutes prepared by Patti Owen-DeLay

