

Wantagh Public Library  
Board of Trustees Business Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wantagh Public Library was held on Monday, January 23, 2023. Trustees Margaret Kowalski, Laura Dupkin Memisha, Gianna Gelci-Steen, Barbara Brochstein and Kurt Faraczek were present.

Also present were Library Director Shannon Marchese, Board Treasurer Kyle Zaharatos and Auditor Ted Schloman from Baldessari & Coster LLP.

Board President Margaret Kowalski called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board proceeded with the agenda.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on December 19, 2022 as amended; and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 6, 2023.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Laura Dupkin Memisha made a motion to approve the following warrants:

- Payroll Warrant #25 dated 12/29/2022 in the amount of \$37,921.47
- Expense Warrant #26 dated 01/05/2023 in the amount of \$14,522.88
- Payroll Warrant #27 dated 01/12/2023 in the amount of \$35,106.04
- Expense Warrant #28 dated 01/17/2023 in the amount of \$105,592.71

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Laura Dupkin Memisha made a motion to approve the following payroll periods:

- Payroll Period #3 for pay date 02/09/2023
- Payroll Period #4 for pay date 02/23/2023
- Each in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Baldessari & Coster LLP's Auditor Ted Schloman reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 audited financial statements with the Library Board of Trustees and answered questions.

Board Treasurer Kyle Zaharatos reviewed the December 2022 Treasurer's Report with the Library Board of Trustees.

Laura Dupkin Memisha made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Wantagh Public Library adopts the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$ 2,856,650.00 and be the same hereby is approved and of that amount the sum of \$2,826,650.00 to be raised by a tax upon the taxable property within the Wantagh School District.

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Gianna Gelci-Steen made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Wantagh Public Library hereby designates and authorizes Trustees Laura Dupkin Memisha and Margaret Kowalski to serve as part of the bargaining team authorized by the Library to meet and engage in discussions and/or negotiations with the representatives of the Wantagh Public Library Unit in connection with a successor to the 2019-2023 collective bargaining agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Dupkin Memisha and Mrs. Kowalski shall promptly inform the Board of Trustees regarding the substance of any such meetings and discussions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such discussions and any agreements that may be reached between the parties shall be tentative in nature and subject to the preparation and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement and further subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Barbara Brochstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made the motion to transfer \$25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Committed for Retirement line and \$27,789.00 from the General Fund to the Committed for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) line.

Gianna Gelci-Steen seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to approve the appointment of PT Librarian I, Shannon Jaeger, at an hourly rate of \$27.999 effective January 9, 2023.

Gianna Gelci-Steen recused herself from this vote.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to approve the appointment of Personnel Clerk, Tara Cassidy, at an hourly rate of \$57.40 effective January 9, 2023.

Laura Dupkin Memisha recused herself from this vote.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to approve the resignation of Carly Hablenko, Librarian I, effective February 3, 2023.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to enter executive session at 8:25pm to discuss collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Gianna Gelci-Steen made a motion to end executive session at 9:20pm.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Barbara Brochstein made a motion to end the Board Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Kurt Faraczek seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gianna Gelci-Steen  
Secretary