**Dolton Public Library District**

**Board of Library Trustees**

**Special Board Meeting**

**Monday, January 29, 2024 @ 7:00 pm**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**

President Copeland called the January 29, 2024, special board meeting to session at 7:00 pm.

1. **Roll Call**

Present: [Trustees] Sorrell, Fields, Stewart, Evans, Williams, and Copeland.

Absent: Trustee Jackson

Also present Attorney Touhy, Business Manager Lisa Mwesigwa, and Interim Library Director Lillie Byrd

1. **Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments [visitors should keep their comments to two (2 minutes)**

Ms. Elizabeth Gonzalez, Ms. Ginger Williams, Ms. Lottie Tyson, Mr. James Range, Attorney Joseph Miller III, and Attorney Hayley Loufek.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
2. **Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 27, 2023 (Action Item)**

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Fields

To approve the meeting minutes from November 27, 2023.

Ayes: [Trustees] Sorrell, Stewart, Fields, Evans, Williams, and Copeland

Nays: 0

Motion Passed: 6:0

1. **Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, and Ordinances**
2. NONE
3. **Librarian’s Report [Lillie Byrd]**

February Programs:

1. Kiera Martin’s Day of Love Fair: Feb 10, 2024, from 12- 5 pm.
2. Black History Month: Youth Services presents, What Have We Learned? Educational, Fun, and Entertaining, with prizes and food. Feb 17, 2024, from 1-2 pm.
3. Black History Month: Pre-Civil War Quilts, presented by Connie Martin. Feb 20, 2024, from 1-2 pm.

**Administrative:**

1. Monthly Supervisor’s Meeting resumed on January 3, 2024, at 11 am.
2. SEI-Statement of Economic Interest; I completed the filers list on Jan 12, 2024, and submitted the names of all filers. The clerk's office will notify each filer via email in March when it is time to file.
3. Dolton Fire Department contacted Mr. Range and myself to schedule two walk-throughs at the library for their s for their fire personnel.
4. In preparation for the Decennial Report I will contact Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Stubbs, and Ms. Williams to gather our report information. Included will be programs, participants, and monies spent on programs.
5. **Approval of Bills and Payroll**
6. **Approval of Bills and Payroll for January 2024 (Action Item**)

Because of technical difficulties with Quickbooks software, a motion was made by Trustee Stewart to table the Approval of Bills and Payroll for January 2024, until the February 26, 2024 Board Meeting.

Trustee Fields seconded the motion.

Ayes: [Trustees] Fields, Sorrell, Williams, Evans, Stewart, and Copeland.

Nays: 0

Motion Passed: 6:0

1. **New Business**
2. NONE
3. **Executive Session – 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1-21)**
4. **Performance or Dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who Serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearings. (Action Item)**

President Copeland motioned for the board to go into Executive Session to discuss the Performance or Dismissal of specific employees or specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in park, recreational, or educational settings, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, Including hearings. Seconded by Trustee Sorrell.

Ayes: [Trustees] Sorrell, Evans, Stewart, Fields, Williams, Copeland.

Nays: 0

Motion Passed: 6:0

The meeting at 7:11 pm.

1. **Possible Action after Executive Session**
2. **Action authorizing the hire of the law firm of Ottosen DiNalfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd to serve as legal counsel for the District**.

President Copeland reconvened the Special Board Meeting after exiting the Executive Session, on Jan 29, 2024, at 8:04 pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: [Trustees] Fields, Stewart, Evans, Sorrell, Williams, and Copeland.

Absent: Trustee Jackson

Also Present Attorney Touhy, Interim Library Director Lillie Byrd, and Business Manager Lisa Mwesigwa.

President Copeland requested a motion to authorize the hiring of the New law firm of Ottosen DiNalfo Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd, to serve as legal counsel for the District.

A motion was made by Trustee Fields, and seconded by Trustee Sorrell.

Ayes: [Trustees] Sorrell, Fields, Copeland, and Stewart: 4

Nays: [Trustees] Evans, Williams: 2

Motion Passed: 4:2

1. **President’s Message**

President Copeland Welcomed Mr. Joseph Miller III as New legal counsel to the District. She thanked Attorney Maryclare Touhy for her service to the District.

1. **Adjournment**

Trustee Stewart made a motion to adjourn the January 29, 2024, Special Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Fields.

Ayes: [Trustees] Stewart, Evans, Fields, Sorrell, Williams, Copeland.

Nays: 0

Motion Passed: 6:0

President Copeland adjourned the 01/29/2024 Special Board Meeting at 8:12 pm.