**Dolton Public Library District**

**Board of Library Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, March 25, 2024 / 7:00 pm.**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order**

President Copeland called the Monday, March 25, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: [Trustees] Fields and Jackson.

Also present Attorney Joe Miller III, Interim Library Director Lillie Byrd, and Business Manager Lisa Mwesigwa.

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

Ms. Katrina Cotton, Mr. Courtney White, Mr. James Range.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
2. **Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes dated February 26, 2024 (Action Item)**

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

 To approve the February 26, 2024 Special Board meeting minutes.

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

 Nays: 0

 Motion Passed: 5:0

1. **Communications, Petitions, Resolutions, and Ordinances**

 None

1. **Approval of Bills and Payroll**
2. **Approval for Bills and Payroll for December 2023/January 2024, February 2024, & March 2024 (Action Item)**

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

 To table the Bills & Payroll for December 2023, January 2024, February

 2024, & March 2024, until the April 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

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

 Nays: 0

 Motion Passed: 5:0

1. **Librarian’s Report [Lillie Byrd]**

There are program flyers for April in the board packets.

Supervisor Meeting; Nothing to report.

**SEI: Statement of Economic Interest**, filing emails went out March 11th, to your library emails. Please file by May 1st. Anything after May 1st, will be considered late and require a late fee of $15.

Failure to file by May 30th may result in forfeiture of office or position of employment.

**LIRA:** Libraries of Illinois Risk Agency, application was submitted. I will submit the quote to the board for approval as soon as I receive it. I will keep you updated.

**YouTube Auditors**:

Last week Wednesday, we had a visit by Long Island Audit (YouTube Auditor). He entered the library recording on his phone, he did not respond to the greetings by the ladies at circulation or security. When asked what he was recording he stated that he was an independent journalist and he was documenting the village of Dolton, because of what was going on with the Mayor of Dolton.

Security asked him to not record patrons, and he said he had a right to record.

A patron interjected, and the conversation got loud, the young man would not leave and seemed to want to argue. I called the police and they informed me that he does have a constitutional right to film/record in a public place. Only visibly open areas, no closed offices or areas. Also, he cannot have access to record or video minors. After I said he could continue his recording he left.

I spoke to Attorney Miller, who said they do have a constitutional right to record public places but could not record and use conversations without the individual's express agreement.

I asked Attorney Miller if we could post signs to the effect, “Recording and Filming Patrons in the Library is not Permitted Without Express Permission,” he said yes.

**Please, note the signs at both entryways of the library.**

Understanding that we will not deny anyone their constitutional rights, we will do all that we can to protect the safety and rights of our patrons.

1. **New Business**

 None

1. **Old Business**
2. **ATA Group LLP, (Auditors) – Managing Partner, Mr. Raj Nagaraja, CPA, MSA.**

ATA is still verifying additional items with the State of IL and will be ready to present at the April 22, 2024, Board Meeting.

1. **Executive/Closed Session – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02 ( c ) ( 1 ), as amended by P.A.93-0057; and Pending Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02 ( c ) ( 11 ).**

President Copeland called for a motion for the board to go into Executive Session. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02 ( c ) ( 1 ), as amended by P.A.93-0057; and Pending Litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/02 ( c ) ( 11 ).

A motion by Trustee Stewart was made to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Trustee Sorrell.

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

Nays: 0

Motion Passed: 5:0

The meeting was suspended to go into Executive Session at 7:25 pm.

1. **Possible Action after Executive Ses**sion

President Copeland reconvened the March 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting at 7:35 pm. No Action Was Taken.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: [Trustees] Jackson, and Fields.

Also present Attorney Miller III, Interim Library Director Lillie Byrd, and Business Manager Lisa Mwesigwa.

1. **President’s Message**

President Copeland stated she was very pleased with the work the library staff has been doing with programs. Specifically the Youth Services Easter Program was very enjoyable.

1. **Adjournment**

President Copeland called for a motion to adjourn the March 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Stewart and seconded by Trustee Sorrell.

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

Nays; 0

Motion Passed; 5:0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.