



Special Board Meeting
Minutes
April 2, 2018

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellwood Public Library was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mrs. Smith, President, in the Large Meeting Room.

Present:

Ms. Clements
Pastor Horton
Ms. Riales
Mrs. Smith

Absent: Mrs. English, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Ward

Also in attendance: Ashley Matthews, Business Manager/Administrative Assistant, Library Attorney Dalal Jarad and 15 members of the public.

Public Comment: Wanda Gipson stated her concerns of the board and is hopeful that the board can and will start functioning for the improvement of the library and the Bellwood community.

Joy Spratt expressed her support for Jacqueline Spratt and her love for the library because she was born in Bellwood and attended several library programs over the years.

Greg Stanton was concerns over the disrespect for patrons and those attending board meetings, and he challenged the board to do some new things for the library.

Arnetta Watkins stated that the board should move forward, let go of the past and go towards the future. She wants the board to do right by the community.

Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Spratt resigned as Library Director on her volition, and the board supported her in her growth as the Bellwood Library Director.

Pastor Horton added that the board should formally say thank you to Mrs. Spratt for her service to the Bellwood library.

Ms. Riales said that she was a new board member, and she evaluated Mrs. Spratt as fairly as possible.

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Ms. Riales that the board convene into a Closed Session at 6:41 p.m. under Section 5ILC 120/2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to clarify their discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance

or dismissal of specific employees of the Bellwood Library or legal counsel for the Bellwood Library.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Pastor Horton, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 3: Ms. English, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Ward

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Pastor Horton to reconvene to the regular session at 7:30 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Pastor Horton, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 4: Ms. English, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Ward

The motion was carried by unanimous vote

A motion was made by Ms. Riales, seconded by Ms. Clements that the board accept the resignation of Jacqueline Spratt as Library Director effective April 6, 2018 for payroll purposes only.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Pastor Horton, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 3: Ms. English, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Ward

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Riales seconded by Ms. Clements that the board appoint Kristin Schultz as Interim Library Director effective April 3, 2018 for 90 days.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Clements, Pastor Horton, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN:0:

ABSENT: 3: Ms. English, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Ward

The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Ms. Gipson stated her concern about Mrs. English lack of attendance at board meetings, and asked about her vacating her seat on the board.

Ms. Watkins was concerned about the board tailoring library policies to fit employees, instead of upholding the standards set in their policies.

Ms. Matthews stated that the trustees and community members should let go of any negativity and move forward.

Tyrese Stafford thanked the board for their services, and urged the trustees to work together to resolve issues.

Jolene Tate stated that she felt that Mrs. Spratt was treated unfairly, and the board should respect each other and work together.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. A roll call was taken. All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned. Voice vote: All Ayes.

Ashley Matthews, Business Manager/ Administrative Assistant