

Irondequoit Library Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting
Minutes of November 19, 2008
Pauline Evans Branch

Trustee Members Present: Elaine Cole, Stephanie Squicciarini, Irena Skrobach, Karyl Mammano, David Heffer, Mary Ellen Jones

Excused: Miriam Ganze

Staff present: Terry Buford, Director

Meeting: called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Agenda approval: Moved, seconded, approved.

Public input: None

Minutes of meeting of October 15, 2008, moved, seconded, approved.

Vouchers: Bolded: # 430: MCLS semiannual cost share. #434: Labor lawyer. #439: SodBusters for high tree trimming. All vouchers: moved, seconded, approved.

Director's report:

**Irondequoit Public Library
DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

1. Library System News

- The new contract between MCLS and member libraries is complete and has been approved by the MCLS board. It now goes to each member library board for their approval. Tonight you are receiving a copy and MCLS asks that you vote on it next month. Areas of interest are the cost share escalation and bandwidth sections.

2. Town News

- On Wednesday, November 12th the town board approved the budget for fiscal year 2009. I have been informally told by Comptroller Bovenzi that the budget that was approved included a \$100,000 cut to the library budget. Because I have not yet seen the budget I do not know where that leaves us financially. Additional cuts may have been made at some of the other sessions held without library representation or consultation as has been the past practice. A total of \$990,000 was cut from the

original proposed budget before approval. The library cut was 10% of the total cut. The library budget is 5.5% of the total budget.

3. IPL News / Facilities report

- The state library consultant is scheduled to make a presentation for MCLS member libraries on public library funding options here at Evans Branch on Saturday, December 6 here at Evans Branch from 10 AM to Noon. Please try to attend.
- The trees in the front of the McGraw Branch were trimmed.

4. Financial/Statistical Report Highlights

- Vouchers of particular interest on the list this month are: #430, MCLS, for half of our annual cost share to support library system operations; #434, Piper Schultz LLP, Library Board's labor counsel; #439 Sodbusters, for tree trimming at McGraw.
- Attached are the usual financial and statistical reports. There are no big surprises in the financials but I would like to draw your attention to the following:

A special edition report analyzing budget trends in the town for the last ten years. This format and chart were actually recommended by a concerned resident who wanted to know if I was aware of these trends.

Terry Buford

President's report: Pres. Mammano is preparing her letter requesting to be reappointed to the Board. Interim budget meeting scheduled Monday 12/8 at 7:00 p.m.

Friends liaison report: Annual appeal letter prepared. It should have been mailed already. Preparing letter to the Post about what they do for the Library. Tote bags ordered; should be here in 2 weeks.

Town Board Liaison report:

Old Business:

New Business: Interim vouchers. At this time of year to expedite closing of the year, Treasurer must sign vouchers before Board reviews them. Moved, seconded, approved.

Motion to go into executive session: Moved, seconded, approved.

Motion to adjourn public session at 8:00 p.m.: Moved, seconded, approved.

Executive Session to discuss labor and land issues. Adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cole, Secretary