

**Flint District Library  
August 6, 2015 Regular Board Meeting  
Flint Public Library, Room 205, 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. David McGhee, Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Mr. James Richardson, Mrs. Reta Stanley, Ms. Tanya Jefferson (arrived at 5:42 pm), Mr. Brian Larkin, Mr. Matthew Schlinker

**Staff:** Mrs. Kay Schwartz, Ms. Leslie Acevedo, Mrs. Ilene Harris, Mrs. Connie Palmer, Mrs. Julie McCullough

**Call to Order:** Mr. McGhee called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Pylypiw moved approval. Mr. Richardson supported. Motion carried.

**Call to Public:** No members of the public had comments or questions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Pylypiw moved approval of the 7/9/15 Annual Organizational Meeting minutes and the 7/9/15 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Larkin supported. Motion carried.

**Budget, Finance and Policy Committee**

**Preliminary Financial Results ending June 30, 2015:** Mrs. Schwartz briefly reviewed the status of the finances, noting that two general operating grants ended 6/30/15. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. McGhee noted that it has been a tough year financially, and Mr. Richardson expressed a special thanks to the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Ruth Mott Foundation for their ongoing generous support.

**Resolution 15-295-Proposal to Ruth Mott Foundation:** The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes that the Library Director is authorized to apply for the grant described below for the purpose described, in brief, as follows:

**The Ruth Mott Foundation** — The Flint Public Library requests funding to support a year of testing, exploration and evaluation to discover what works for our community in the areas of Digital Literacy and Early Literacy.

Funding of \$300,000 for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, will support library operations as we undertake an ambitious program of planning, prototyping and begin “doing” programming to address the community’s literacy gaps.

The tactical initiatives that will be tested in 2016 are:

Strategic priority: Digital Literacy and Creativity

Planned tactics to address this strategy:

- Coding – engaging youth in computer coding
- Digital Making and Tinkering – project-based and experiential learning for youth with a strong digital component (e.g., movie editing, squishy circuits, Raspberry Pi, game design)

- STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) – continue and expand adult/child team programming in STEM topics that the Library has begun in 2015)
- Digital Literacy –expand offerings from basic to advanced
- Digital Preservation and Access – plan, train and set up technology for the public to use in preserving Flint’s culture and heritage and their own

Strategic priority: *Early Literacy (part of Family Literacy)*

Planned tactics to address this strategy:

- Every Child Ready to Read® - implement this “parent education” program for parents of children ages 0 to 5, both inside the library and in outreach settings
- Early Literacy Space – begin aligning space and furnishings to better support Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing and Playing for children ages 0 to 5 and their parents

These exciting plans for new library programs and services follow from the Library’s new vision, key service priorities, and new model of service, developed over the past year.

The Board of Trustees of the Flint District Library supports this funding request and gives assurances that the funds received will be used in accordance with specified grant rules and guidelines.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Jefferson supported. Motion carried. A roll call vote was taken: Jefferson-aye, Larkin-aye, Pylypiw-aye, Richardson-aye, Schlinker-aye, Stanley-aye, McGhee-aye. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee:** Mr. Richardson made a motion to recommend Mr. Schlinker to the City of Flint for another three term on the FDL Board to begin 10/1/15. Ms. Pylypiw supported. Motion carried.

**Fundraising and PR Committee:** Mrs. Harris noted that the Annual Campaign kicked off in a very nice way, thanks to a generous \$6,000 donation from the local Tri-County Electrical Labor-Management Cooperation Fund, to be used to sponsor the Circuits and Gadgets program at FPL. A total of 25k has been raised to date.

**Update on November 3 Millage:** Mrs. Schwartz shared that she recently received a letter from City Clerk Inez Brown stating that FPL’s millage request is now officially on the November 3 ballot.

**President’s Remarks:** Mr. McGhee briefly shared details of two new foundations in Southeast Michigan.

**Director’s Remarks:** Mrs. Schwartz briefly mentioned two exciting recent purchases; Findaway Launchpads for kids and the Lynda Library database, which offers on-demand training and skills development for patrons and staff. Ten staff members vetted the Lynda.com program during a two week trial, and we’ll have a demo at the next Board meeting.

**Recent & Upcoming Activities:** Ms. Acevedo distributed the August Bookpages and mentioned several programs including the Summer Reading Challenge and several upcoming author visits including Johnathan Rand and Omar Tyree.

**Director's Evaluation:** At 6:45 pm, Mrs. Schwartz made a request for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing her evaluation.

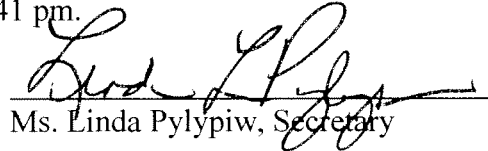
**Closed Session:** At 6:46 pm, Mr. Schlinker made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Director's evaluation. Ms. Pylypiw supported. A roll call vote was taken: Jefferson-aye, Larkin-aye, Pylypiw-aye, Richardson-aye, Schlinker-aye, Stanley-aye, McGhee-aye.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Larkin made a motion to go out of closed session. Mr. Richardson supported. A roll call vote was taken: Jefferson-aye, Larkin-aye, Pylypiw-aye, Richardson-aye, Schlinker-aye, Stanley-aye, McGhee-aye. The closed session was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:40 pm.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Stanley supported. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:41 pm.

  
Ms. Linda Pylypiw, Secretary