

Metropolitan Library Service Agency
Joint Trustee Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 15, 2018

MCIT

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Members Present:

Trustee Members Present:

Anoka: Mike Gamache
Carver: Gayle Degler
Dakota: Liz Workman
Hennepin:

Ramsey:
Saint Paul: Beth Burns
Scott:
Washington: Gary Kriesel

Advisory Members Present:

Anoka: Maggie Snow
Carver:
Dakota: Margaret Stone
Hennepin: Janet Mills

Ramsey: Jill Boldenow
Saint Paul: Catherine Penkert
Scott: Jake Grussing
Washington: Keith Ryskoski

Staff Present: Ken Behringer, Kate Brown and Mona Scott

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Workman called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Degler to approve agenda. Second by Gamache. Motion carried.

V. CONSENT AGENDA FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes (September 20, 2018)

B. Approval of Bills and Financial Statements

Motion by Gamache to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Degler. Motion carried.

VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS

A. RLTA FY 2019 Application

The RLTA application was submitted to meet the October 26 deadline. The final review and approval by the MELSA Board of Trustees are needed to complete the application process.

Motion by Degler to approve the submission of the FY 2019 RLTA application to State Library Services. Second by Kriesel. Motion carried.

B. Personnel Committee Report

Due to Goettel's absence, Behringer summarized the discussion that occurred at the Personnel Committee meeting on October 31, 2018.

Motion by Gamache to approve the motion passed by the Personnel Committee to use the 2019 Dakota County Compensation Plan at the Exceeds Standard level for adjusting staff salaries in 2019. Second by Kriesel. Motion carried.

C. CY 2019 MELSA Budget Adoption

A summary of the changes to the Final CY2019 Budget were discussed.

A request from Workman was made to include the Fund Balance totals somewhere on the budget spreadsheet when presented in future years.

Motion by Degler to adopt the CY2019 budget. Second by Burns. Motion carried.

D. RLBSS Formula Revision Proposal

Behringer presented the recommendations from the ad hoc subcommittee made up of Advisory Board members and Council of Regional Public Library System Administrators (CRPLSA) for a funding increase and a formula change from the 2019 Legislature.

Motion by Gamache to endorse a plan to request an increase of \$5 million in Regional Library Basic System Support. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

Point of order was made by Burns regarding the Recommendation Action and the Possible Supplemental Action. She inquired if the actions are to be considered together or separately. Behringer indicated that he would prefer to have the Recommendation Action passed before the Supplemental Action is passed.

A second Point of Order was asked by Burns asking if language in the Recommended Action is the exact same language that will be presented at all CRPLSA Boards statewide for approval. Behringer indicated that that the CRPLSA ad hoc committee did not write the motion language and while all regions saw consistent proposals, each system wrote its own motion.

Following debate and amendment,

Motion by Gamache in the event that a preponderance of governing boards of other regional public library systems supports an increase in the RLBSS base to \$16,570,000 for fiscal 2020, the MELSA Board of Trustees supports such an increase accompanied by changes in the funding formula that shifts 10% from the Equalization component to the Base component. Second by Degler. Burns abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns that the MELSA Board of Trustees endorses a plan to request an increase of \$5 million in Regional Library Basic System Support. Second by Workman. Motion carried.

E. 2019 Meeting dates

Motion by Gamache to schedule the first MELSA Board of Trustees meeting in 2019 on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Second by Kriesel. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. Executive Director's Report

Behringer briefed the Board on the possible "One Ask" bill, a legislative proposal that would more tightly link legislative funding requests for regional public library systems with similar requests from multicounty/multitype library systems.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 PM.