

DAYTON METRO LIBRARY

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING OF THE BOARD

4:00 p.m., July 1, 2009

PRESENT: William Gillispie, Barbara Hayde, Jane Katsuyama, Margot Merz

PRESIDING: Barbara Hayde, President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/FISCAL OFFICER: Tim Kambitsch

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - INFORMATION

The Executive Director began the meeting by updating the Board on the impact of recent reductions in state funding as proposed by Governor Strickland. He explained that Governor Strickland had announced a budget proposal which would cut library funding by 50% and if passed, would be devastating to the Dayton Metro Library and every library throughout Ohio. Mr. Kambitsch told Board members that the Dayton Metro Library was the first library to advocate a "call to action" and said several thousand members of the public have called, emailed, or written state legislators and the Governor to relay their opposition to the funding cuts and to voice their support for the Dayton Metro Library and public libraries throughout Ohio. He said state offices had received ten times more phone calls about libraries than any other issue. He also told Trustees that approximately 3,000 citizens had signed a petition on the Library's website to let the Governor and state legislators know how much they appreciate and depend on the Dayton Metro Library. He said he was very grateful for all of the support but also said it would be hard to sustain that type of support through November when it came time to vote for the levy.

The Executive Director then told Board members that although the Governor's budget proposal would have a devastating effect on the Library, losing the levy in November would bring even worse consequences. He explained that if the Governor's budget proposal was accepted and the library experienced a levy loss, the Library's revenues would drop from \$30 million in 2008 to \$12 million in 2010. He told Trustees that polling had recently been accomplished, and the numbers indicated that the capacity to pass the levy has lessened somewhat. He said representatives would be at the July meeting to explain what the recent polling statistics had suggested and to give Board members the most information possible to determine levy proposal numbers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:47 p.m. Board members moved into Executive Session in accordance with Article VII, Section 3, of the Amended and Restated Constitution and Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the Dayton Metro Library, and with Section 121.22(G)(4) of the Ohio Revised Code, to discuss collective bargaining. The roll was called as follows:

Mr. Gillispie, Aye
Ms. Hayde, Aye
Ms. Katsuyama, Aye
Ms. Merz, Aye

Ayes: All
Nays: None

The Board returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. The President reported that no resolution, rule or formal action was taken by the Board while in Executive Session in accordance with Section 121.22(H) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Article VII, Section 3, of the Amended and Restated Constitution and Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the Dayton Metro Library.

The Executive Director told Board members that Dayton Daily News reporter Mary McCarty had contacted him concerning an article she was writing about a library aide who was finishing classes to obtain his MLS degree. He also said two branch managers had been contacted that day to be interviewed for editorials in their neighborhood newspapers.

Ms. Merz said that although she would not be able to attend the July 15th meeting, she would be available to listen to the meeting through speakerphone if possible.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.