

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

240 Whitson Street * Manhattan * IL * 60442

July 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:32 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: (voting members): Tom Murray, Sharon Gill, Keri English, Jan Krekel, Amanda Dearing
Library Staff: Ashley Hopper, Director; Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None.

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 17,2024; June 24, 2024 and July 8, 2024 meeting were accepted and approved as presented with a motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Dearing . Closed meeting minutes were also reviewed. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jr High open house invitation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: June financials will be filed as presented. A motion was made by Trustee English, seconded by Trustee Dearing. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Given by Director Hopper.

COMMITTEES:

- **Budget Committee- 2025-26 Tentative Budget-** A motion was made to approve the tentative budget as amended in the Board meeting by Trustee English, and seconded Trustee Gill. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Serving Our Public-** Chapters 1 & 2 will be presented by Trustee Blatti at the next meeting.
- **Village of Elwood Committee** – No Quorum

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Elwood Branch Update** – Construction is underway.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Krause Pay Request Approval** – A motion was made to approve the first pay request from Krause Construction for the Elwood branch remodel. The funds will come from the special reserve account. The motion was made by Trustee Gill, seconded by Trustee English. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- **Manhattan Building Updates** – Discussed the meeting room flooring and installing doors in the youth area.

Board Comments:

ADJOURNMENT: 5:21PM Motion made by Trustee English and seconded by Trustee Gill.

Respectively submitted,
Marcy Juarez, Business/HR Manager