

**Nippersink Public Library District
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
November 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Nippersink Public Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Drew Knobloch.

PRESENT

Trustees Adrienne Adams, Brett Bieder, Robert Johnston, Heather Evenson, Michelle Jordan, Drew Knobloch, Sue Rekenhalter, and Library Director Cynthia Cole were present. Alex Todd and Jim Deiters of Deiters & Todd Consulting were also present. Staff members Kathy Christenson, Pat Elstner, Barb Fiebelkorn, Jane Larson, Yoni Nielson, Kat Solheim, Linda Spence, Alicia Stanek and Thea Ward were also present.

RECOGNITION OF SECRETARY

Sue Rekenhalter was recognized as Secretary. Director Cole volunteered to act as Recorder.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE – None

ADDITIONS – NONE

OPEN SESSION

Alex Todd began by discussing how the morning was scheduled. The candidate would make a presentation to everyone in attendance. After the presentation, the candidate would meet with the staff for a Q&A session. The candidate would then meet with the board for further discussion. The candidate would be given a tour of the facility and then the board would go back into closed session for further discussion.

CLOSED SESSION – ILCS 102/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine validity.

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Jordan, to go into Closed Session at 9:20 AM under ILCS 102/2(c)(1).

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenhalter
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to return to Open Session was made by Trustee Adams, seconded by Trustee Bieder, at 9:46 AM.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenhalter
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Rekenthaler, to go into Closed Session at 10:32 AM under ILCS 102/2(c)(1).

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenthaler
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Evenson, to return to Open Session at 12:27 AM under ILCS 102/2(c)(1).

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenthaler
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Adams, to go into Closed Session at 12:58 AM under ILCS 102/2(c)(1).

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenthaler
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Trustee Bieder, seconded by Trustee Adams, to return to Open Session at 1:15 AM under ILCS 102/2(c)(1).

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenthaler
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Trustee Evenson, seconded by Trustee Bieder, to allow Board President Knobloch to negotiate with the successful candidate up to a maximum of \$86,000 per annum.

**Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Adams, Bieder, Evenson, Johnston, Jordan, Knobloch, Rekenthaler
Nays: None**

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, President Knobloch declared the meeting adjourned at 1:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Cole,

Theresa Sue Rekenthaler, Secretary