

**NIPPERSINK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees of Nippersink Public Library District at the Nippersink Library, 5418 Hill Rd. Richmond, Illinois, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Knobloch.

PRESENT

President Drew Knobloch, Vice President Brett Bieder, Trustees Theresa Sue Rekenhaller, Michelle Jordan, Jean Leete-Knutson, Keith Schleiffer, and the Library Director Fanslow were present.

Trustee Heather Evenson attended virtually via Teams.

ABSENT

None.

RECOGNITION OF SECRETARY

Vice-President Bieder was recognized as acting secretary. Staff member Nielson volunteered to act as recorder.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

None.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

ADDITIONS

None.

MINUTES

- a. Approve May 13, 2025, **Strategic Plan Meeting Minutes**
Motion was made by Trustee Jordan, Second by Trustee Rekenhaller, to approve the May 13, 2025, Strategic Plan Meeting Minutes.
Voice Vote: All in Favor
MOTION PASSES

- b. Approve May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
Motion was made by Trustee Bieder, Second by Trustee Jordan, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes.
Voice Vote: All in Favor
MOTION PASSES

- c. Approve May 31, 2025, Trustee Retreat Meeting Minutes
Motion was made by Trustee Bieder, Second by Trustee Schleiffer, to approve the May 31, 2025, Trustee Retreat Meeting Minutes.
Voice Vote: All in Favor
MOTION PASSES

CORRESPONDENCE AND LIBRARY NEWS

a. Articles & news

- i. ALA welcomes IMLS staff return and select grant reinstatements, cautiously optimistic about national case- ALA
- ii. Fifth Circuit Dismisses Patron Free Speech Challenge to Library Book Removal Decision- Ancel Glink
- iii. School Board Member's Blocking of Users on Social Media Violated First Amendment- Ancel Glink
- iv. Four new articles & News
 - 1. Bill requiring local libraries to stock "Opioid Antagonists" passes both Houses of General Assembly – Ancel Glink
 - 2. Court allows Trump Administration to proceed with efforts to destroy Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as case continues – ALA
 - 3. IMLS original complaint from 4/7/2025
 - 4. IMLS decision from 6/6/2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Review and Approve Warrant #12*
Warrant #12 in the amount of \$24,550.85 was reviewed for payment.
Motion was made by Trustee Bieder, Second by Trustee Rekenhaller to approve the Warrant #12 in the amount of \$24,550.85.
Roll call Vote: Ayes: Knobloch, Bieder, Rekenhaller, Schleiffer, Leete-Knutson, Jordan, Evenson.
Nays: None.
MOTION PASSES
- b. **Review monthly budget report**
[No action or comments noted.]

SPECIAL REPORTS

Library Director

Director Fanslow highlighted the following Library operations:

1. Fire inspection passed
2. Benson fixed the intermittent row of lights issue
3. Window cleaning completed
4. Sturdy plastic library cards are now in use, and canvas library bags will be available for purchase by patrons

She also informed the Board that she will be serving on the ILA Advocacy Committee starting July 2025 and reported the awarding of two \$3,000 grants from Dollar General and the Richmond-Spring Grove Rotary Club.

Library Board President

President Knobloch reported that the estimated cost for parking lot drainage work by Hartwig Mechanical will not exceed \$3,000. Window quotes are expected early next week. Roof work is still expected to be completed in early fall if approved now, and temporary roof repairs are estimated between \$1,000 and \$5,000. A special meeting will be held on June 17, 2025, to finalize a decision.

Adult Services

Report was read as part of the packet.

Youth Services

Simons reports that Brown was hired as the new children programmer, ages 6-10.

Simons reports that the visit to Nippersink School District was successful and to let them know the library offerings, e-resources and the summer reading program from June 9-July 19. As of June 4, there are 117 readers signed-up.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Director Fanslow reports that the Open House and Summer Reading Kick-off will be held on June 14, 10am – 2pm. There will be handouts of the core values, the 9-pages strategic plan – 2025-2029, and the “Name the Mascot” – Blanding Turtle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (All possible action items)

- a. **SMC Construction Management Services – Tabled to be discussed in the Special Meeting on June 17, 2025.**
- b. **Board Self Evaluations – Director Fanslow will email via SurveyMonkey. Submissions are due on June 30, 2025.**

NEW BUSINESS (All possible action items)

- a. By-Law Review
The Board will review the current By-Laws before the July meeting, then decide whether to revise them during the meeting or form a committee for updates.
- b. Closed Meeting Review
Trustees will meet with Director Fanslow to review closed session minutes and make recommendations before the July meeting.
- c. FY25-26 Budget
Trustees reviewed the tentative budget for FY25-26.
- d. FY25-26 Board Meeting, Holidays, and All-Staff Meetings dates
Motion was made by Trustee Bieder, Second by Trustee Schleiffer to approve the FY25-26 dates for the Board Meetings, Holidays, and All Staff Meetings.
Voice Vote: Ayes: Knobloch, Bieder, Rekenthaler, Schleiffer, Leete-Knutson, Jordan, Evenson.
Nays: None.
MOTION PASSES
- e. Resolution No. 20254-6-1, Non-Resident Cards
Motion was made by Trustee Bieder, Second by Trustee Jordan to approve the Resolution No. 2025-6-1 for Non-Resident Cards.
Roll call Vote: Ayes: Knobloch, Bieder, Rekenthaler, Schleiffer, Leete-Knutson, Jordan, Evenson.
Nays: None.
MOTION PASSES
- f. Policy Review
Trustees Jordan and Rekenthaler will serve on the Policy Committee, which will review all Library policies twice per year.

TRUSTEE TRAINING

How to conduct an OMA Compliant Trustee Meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Knobloch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dana Fanslow

Heather Evenson, Secretary