

**Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees
Public Budget Hearing and Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - May 8, 2025**

Board Members Present: McClellan, Muthukuda, Brown, Murphy, White, Snodgrass

Board Members Absent: Doby, Snead

Staff Members Present: Siegrist, Baker, Showich-Gallup, Peterson, Hall

Staff Members Absent: None

Public Budget Hearing

Opened at 6:03 by President McClellan

Features of proposed 2025-26 Budget, highlighted by K. Brown:

- Projected revenue: \$8,858,096
- Projected expenditures: \$11,487,806
- Expenditures include spending \$3.5 million on Phase 1 capital improvements in 2026.
 - Phase 1 includes an outdoor amphitheater at the Liberty St. branch, as well as an outdoor expansion of the Children's space there. It includes new study rooms at Twelve Mile as well as a small outdoor patron space and adjustments to the west parking lot there. Bathrooms will be upgraded at both locations.
- This proposed budget would result in a decrease of the Fund Balance, from \$8.6 million to \$6 million.

Public Comment: none
Hearing closed at 6:13.

Regular Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:14 by President Ernie McClellan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Murphy to approve the Agenda for the May 8, 2025 Board meeting was supported by Brown.

Vote: Aye: All in favor (6-0)

Opposed: None

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. S. - proposal for a program featuring a Palestinian speaker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by White to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meetings held April 10, 2025, was supported by Muthukuda.

Vote: Aye: All in favor (6-0)

Opposed: None

Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No action taken on operating bills this month (Plante Moran staff unable to prepare report due to a medical situation). Bills and statements for April and May will be up for approval at the June meeting.

April interest on MI Class accounts came to \$44,517.04, bringing the total interest for 2025 to \$171,805.33.

FRIENDS' REPORT (S. Charlesbois)

- Cities-wide post card mailing will occur soon.
- April Book Sale brought in \$4800 and art auction brought in \$810. Selling books on E-Bay (and charging market prices rather than normal in-house used book prices) has been worthwhile.
- Gala is June 6. Vanessa Carr (standard musical selections) will provide entertainment.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT (K. Siegrist)

- May 3-4 were especially big days for programs: the annual AAPI Celebration attracted over 300 attendees and the Companeros de Flamenco program drew about 135 people.
- The April 1000 Books Before Kindergarten event drew 174 guests.
- Food Truck Tuesdays will be held in the evening rather than lunch time this year. The first event will be June 17 from 5-7 pm.
- Summer Reading begins for all ages on June 1.
- The Kona Ice truck will be at Liberty Street on June 12 to celebrate the last day of school in FPS.

Staff Introduction - Becky Hall, Children's Department at Liberty St.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Personnel (D. Muthukuda)

- Director Search

MOTION by Muthukuda to task the Personnel Committee with the new director search was supported by White.

Vote: Aye: All in favor (6-0)

Opposed: None

Motion passed.

Facilities (S. Snodgrass)

- P. Wegrzynowicz is seeking bids for installing LED lights in the Adult Nonfiction section at Twelve Mile.
- The board will hear soon about needed work on elevators.
- The Facilities Committee has tentatively designated Phase 3 of future upgrades to encompass major work on the Children's space at Twelve Mile.
- There is an expected meeting with Ford Motor Co. to discuss EV charging stations.
- The next Committee meeting will be June 5.

Finance (K. Brown)

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Phase 1 Design Work

MOTION by White to approve the contract with MCD Architects for Phase 1 design work was supported by Snodgrass.

Vote: Aye: All in favor (6-0)

Opposed: None

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Retiree Health Benefit Plan

MOTION by Snodgrass to adopt Retiree Health Benefit Plan was supported by Muthukuda.

Vote: Aye: All in favor (6-0)

Opposed: None

Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

TRUSTEE COMMENT

- S. Snodgrass and E. McClellan - State Advocacy Day was worthwhile. State legislators are expecting to have to try to make up for a 50% cut in federal money to libraries.
- S. Snodgrass - Congratulations to K. Brown who will be receiving the Romney Award from Farmington Hills.
- D. Muthukuda - DM thanked Farmington City Council for the proclamation supporting National Library Week. Several board members attended Council meeting on April 21.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned by President McClellan at 7:39. The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim White, Secretary
Library Board of Trustees