

**Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees  
Public Budget Hearing and Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. - May 8, 2025  
Approved 06/12/2025**

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**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