

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Approve Agenda:**
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve November 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Priest, seconded by Grubbs, to approve the November 14, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith introduced herself. She is an English professor at Wayne County Community College and lives in Van Buren Township. Rosemary Otzman announced that a Tractor Supply Co. will be built on Sumpter and Hull roads.
6. **Approve 2024 Regular Board Meeting Dates:** Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to approve the 2024 regular board meeting dates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Approve 2024 BADL Closure Dates:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the 2024 BADL closure dates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Building:** The library's analog phone lines are all working. A new flagpole light is on order.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
 - C. **Finance:** The library has received the draft audit.
 - D. **Marketing:** No report.
 - E. **Personnel:** The results of the director's evaluation will be presented at the next meeting.
 - F. **Policy:** No report.
 - G. **Art:** No report.
9. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Director's Report:** See attached. Police were called for a fight between high schoolers in the library's parking lot last Friday. The library has encountered very high usage by teens

after school, particularly when there are sporting events later in the day. Fast food has been temporarily banned. The library monitor position has been posted.

11. Trustee Comments:

Juriga – Since July there have been 59,000 visitors to the library and 108,000 items checked out. He attended a tri-community meeting of the planning committees where it was agreed that the downtown is the downtown for all three communities.

Stoudemire – Is excited to see that Lindsay Lore is getting her master's degree in library science.

Priest – Noted that every time she comes to the library she is greeted nicely. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and hoped for peace on earth.

Cichewicz – Echoed Tanya's comment and noted that some of the best librarians come from existing library staffs.

Fleming – Having Mary Jo be the parade grand marshal was great for library marketing. He appreciates the talented people the library has hired.

Hughes-Grubbs – Congratulated the Belleville High School's football team for an outstanding job this year. Wished everyone happy holidays.

12. Chair Comments:

Peters – Noted the intergenerational nature of the library and that the library has something for everyone. Wished everyone a merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a happy new year.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.