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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 26, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Meeting Room A

**Present:** Jane Bickford, Chairman, Trisha Lewis, Eileen Freebairn, Robin Kahn, Shani Burke Specht, Tom Addonizio, Dan Gaita, Dorothea Gulya-Stasny, Richard Merritt, Jim Forman

Lynn Rosato, Library Director

**Absent** with notice: Terri Rotella and Elisa Volpati

**Visitors:** Attorneys William Hagen and Martin Lawlor

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jane Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Gaita moved to adopt the Union Savings Bank Authorization resolution to reflect the new officers of the Library Board of Directors. Robin Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jane Bickford turned the meeting over to Trisha Lewis. Jane Bickford then recused herself and left the room.

Dan Gaita moved that the Board go into executive session to consider the Freedom of Information complaint of Jane Bickford. Tom Addonizio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board moved to end executive session, which passed unanimously.

Robin Kahn moved that Attorneys Hagen and Lawlor be invited in to the Board's executive session. Dan Gaita seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Eileen Freebairn moved that Lynn Rosato be invited in to the Board's executive session. Tom Addonizio seconded the motion. **Voting yes:** Trisha Lewis, Eileen Freebairn, Robin Kahn, Tom Addonizio, Dan Gaita, Dorothea Gulya-Stasny, Richard Merritt and Jim Forman. **Voting No:** Shani Burke Specht. Motion carries.

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Dan Gaita moved that the Board go into executive session to consider the Freedom of Information complaint of Jane Bickford. Tom Addonizio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive session commenced at 7:04 p.m. Robin Kahn moved to end the executive session. The motion was seconded by Shani Burke Specht and passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 8:07 p.m.

Shani Burke Specht moved that the meeting be recessed until 8:15. Eileen Freebairn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Tom Addonizio moved that the meeting be called back to order. Dan Gaita seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 8:15.

Shani Burke Specht moved that the Board return to executive session. Robin Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board moved to end executive session, which passed unanimously.

Shani Burke Specht moved that Lynn Rosato and Attorneys Hagen and Lawlor be invited in to executive session. Tom Addonizio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Session commenced at 8:17. Robin Kahn moved to end the executive session. The motion was seconded by Eileen Freebairn and passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 8:24.

Eileen Freebairn moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the vote to approve which took place at the July 27, 2009 meeting in the minutes entitled "Unfinished Business: 4) Consideration of Library Director evaluation process Executive Session Anticipated:" and reflected in the minutes as follows:

"The motion to approve the Library Director Evaluation process for implementation passed unanimously."

is hereby rescinded, with the Board being free to reconsider the same in public session should it so choose.

Robin Kahn seconded the motion. **Voting yes:** Trisha Lewis, Eileen Freebairn, Robin Kahn, Richard Merritt and James Forman. **Voting No:** Daniel Gaita and Dorothea Gulya-Stasny. **Abstaining:** Shani Burke Specht and Tom Addonizio.

After discussion, Tom Addonizio moved to reconsider the failed motion. Robin Kahn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued about the proposed resolution. Tom Addonizio wanted the record to reflect that, although the decision to go into executive session at the July 27, 2009 meeting may have been a procedural error, it was made with the right motivation. Shani Burke Specht said that the decision was based on advice that she received from a representative of the FOI Commission.

Eileen Freebairn moved that the Board adopt the following resolution:

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Robin Kahn seconded the motion. **Voting yes:** Trisha Lewis, Eileen Freebairn, Robin Kahn, Richard Merritt, James Forman and Tom Addonizio. **Voting No:** Daniel Gaita and Dorothea Gulya-Stasny. **Abstaining:** Shani Burke Specht. The motion carried.

Robin Kahn moved to adjourn the meeting. Shani Burke Specht seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Kahn  
Secretary, Bethel Library Board of Directors