



NEW LENOX PUBLIC LIBRARY
DISTRICT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
March 5, 2018

A special meeting of the New Lenox Public Library District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Vice President Evans on Monday, March 5, 2018, at the New Lenox Library, 120 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, Illinois.

Present were Trustees: Louis Broccolo, Linda Evans, Colette Loecke, Ann Podoba, Bonnie Ulstad

Absent: Edward A. Tatro, Michelle Monbrod

Staff present: Michelle Krooswyk: Director and Recording Secretary, Michael Stubler: Business Manager

Visitors: Alex Vancina, John Chrastka – Executive Director, EveryLibrary

New Business

DISCUSS: Future referendum options – Mr. Chrastka introduced the purpose of EveryLibrary and how their organization is set up. Mr. Chrastka was on the Berwyn Public Library Board, he was the President of RAILS, and has worked on 75 campaigns since 2012. All work is done pro bono thanks to donations to EveryLibrary and he doesn't make money from any vendors they recommend for things such as yard signs. Everything he is recommending is based on best practices versus making money. He explained that when people vote for taxes, they want to know "where is my money going to go" and "who is spending my money?" The discussion was started with thoughts, comments and concerns about the possibility of referendum. Trustee Broccolo was concerned about recent negative comments about the upcoming New Lenox Fire Protection District referendum. Also, Trustee Broccolo explained the history of previous library referendums and the recent Lincolnway High School situation. He also believes that staff have done an excellent job in the past few years with making the library favorable to the community with customer service and events. Trustee Loecke expressed that if the Fire District referendum doesn't pass, that we should strongly reconsider a referendum. Business Manager Stubler said that he is most concerned about last minute robocalls and how it affected the Plainfield Library referendum. Mr. Chrastka explained the trends of how community members vote. He recommends conducting an implementation feasibility study prior to moving forward with a decision to carry out a referendum. Trustees asked questions regarding the study; if done door to door with volunteers, the only cost would be paper for the surveys. The plan is to discuss this

conversation at the next board meeting, decide what survey questions to ask and determine a plan of action for the survey at the next board meetings.

Adjournment

Trustee Broccolo moved and Trustee Podoba seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Colette Loecke, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Krooswyk
Recording Secretary