

*Auglaize County Public District Library Trustee Special meeting.
Virtual Meeting done Via Zoom. Wapak Library open for public comment*

Pat Block called the special meeting of the Auglaize County Public District Library Trustees to order at 10:00 p.m. on April 28th, 2020.

Trustees present: Pat Block, Barbara Pelly, Connie Schafer, Ron Pepple, Chuck Rowen, Courtney Burton, and Cathy Maurer.

Also Present: Beth Steiner, Jenny Eyink, and Kristine Spyker

PUBLIC Comment:

A computer screen was set up at the Wapakoneta Library for anyone from the public wishing to attend. No public attended the meeting.

New Business:

1. COVID-19 Pandemic Time Period

a. Reopening our doors:

- i. Beth Steiner informed the board that a study was being done in a partnership between OCLC, IMLS, and Batelle Institute regarding how long the virus could live on books. We are still waiting on results from this study. Michelle Francis, Ohio Library Council, has also informed us that OLC will provide us with further guidance on re-opening of libraries.

Various safety concerns were discussed: limiting the number of people in the library, closing off different areas, the wearing of masks, sanitizing stations, cleaning, staffing/action plan, markings on the floor. No decisions will be made until further guidance is received from OLC.

b. Employee Pay vs. Unemployment:

- i. Discussion was held regarding the state recommendation to cut all budgets by 20%. Beth Steiner discussed when the libraries do re-open it will be a much different environment. The Board had previously approved to pay employees during this pandemic. This will be re-evaluated at the May 11th regularly scheduled board meeting.
- ii. Accrual of Leave – During the April 13th board meeting, the board instructed Jenny to find more guidance on the accrual of sick and vacation leave during this pandemic. Per Clemans and Nelson, employees are currently on administrative leave for safety concerns. This is not considered active pay status. Employees not in active pay status should not be accruing sick and vacation leave.

Ron Pepple made a motion that employees not in active pay status should not be accruing sick and vacation leave and to make this motion retroactive to March 19th. Seconded by Barbara Pelly.

Roll Call – Barbara – aye, Chuck – aye, Connie – aye, Cathy – aye, Courtney – aye, Ron – aye, and Pat - aye

Motion by Cathy Maurer to adjourn at 11:04 am, seconded by Connie Schafer.

All in favor: aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Eyink, Fiscal Officer

Pat Block, Board President