

**Whiting Public Library  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 9, 2024**

**Board Members Present:**

Walter Wachel, President  
Ashley Sudar, Vice President  
Mary Lu Cowley, Secretary  
Amy Holmes, Treasurer  
Daniel Catlin, Board Member  
Scot Kokandy, Board Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Lynn Haynes, Board Member (ill)

**Guests:**

**Others:**

Montserrat Inglada, Director  
Mary Kershner, Assistant Director  
Laura Lopez, Recording Secretary

**Public:** David Humenik, 2116 Lincoln Ave., Whiting, Indiana

**A notice of the Regular Board Meeting was faxed to the Times on July 2, 2024. The notice was also posted at the Oliver Street and Ohio Avenue entrances on July 5, 2024.**

**Mr. Wachel, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – May 14, 2024**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved as corrected.**

**SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – June 11, 2024**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved as submitted.**

**SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

**Report from Board President**

(none)

**Director's Report**

√In 2019, the Whiting City Council passed a resolution to place the library under Binding Review. The Council has now decided to rescind the resolution at its next council meeting, which will again give the library submitting rights over our budget.

√We had an incident where a patron was uncomfortable with a book in the children's collection. As a result, we have created a form that patrons can fill out. Once the form is returned, it will be submitted to the library director. After reviewing it, the director will submit it to the library board at their next meeting to decide on an action.

√The library has been very fortunate to receive several donations. To ensure that we can keep track of and account for said donations, we now have a form that staff are to fill out whenever the library is given monetary donations over \$10.00.

√We have updated our Capital Assets Policy now that AdTech has taken over the depreciation of library assets.

### **Building Renovation Update**

The Director has not heard back from Darren of Studio GC. After November's potential school referendum, the Board may consider discussing with Mayor Spebar the possibility of going out on bond.

### **Policy, Social Media**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the Social Media Policy be approved as submitted.**

**SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

### **Banking, Interest rate proposals**

**After comparing rate quotes from Peoples and Centier banks, Mrs. Holmes moved:**

**THAT the Library keep all current accounts unchanged.**

The increase to 5% APY for the Operating and Rainy Day funds at Peoples Bank will become effective 7/10/2024.

**SECONDED by: Mr. Kokandy**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

### **AVC Technology, Time Clock quote:**

**Mr. Kokandy moved:**

**THAT the Time Clock quote submitted by AVC Technology for a setup price of \$1000 and a monthly support fee of \$20 be approved.**

**SECONDED by: Mrs. Cowley**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

### **Policy, Reconsideration of Materials**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the Reconsideration of Material Policy be approved as submitted.**

**SECONDED by: Mrs. Holmes**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

### **Policy, Gift/Donation**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the Gift/Donation Policy be approved as submitted.**

**SECONDED by: Mrs. Holmes**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

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**Policy, Capital Assets**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the Capital Assets Policy be approved as submitted.**

**SECONDED by: Mrs. Holmes**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

**Commitment to join Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet Access**

**Mrs. Cowley moved:**

**THAT the Board approve the Resolution for Commitment to Join Public Library Internet Consortium, July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.**

**SECONDED by : Mrs. Holmes**

**ACTION: Carried Unanimously**

**Public comment:**

Mr. David Humenik approached the board with his concerns regarding “How to Be Ace: A Memoir of Growing Up Asexual” by Rebecca Burgess. Mr. Chad Reuth also submitted a written complaint referencing the same title prior to the board meeting. The Board and the Director will review and respond accordingly.

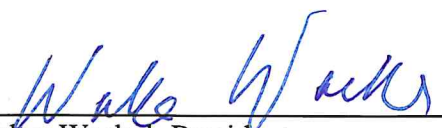
**Adjournment**

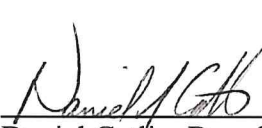
**Mrs. Holmes moved:**

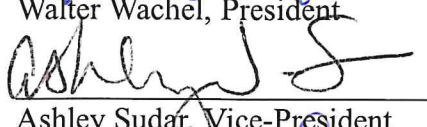
**THAT the meeting be adjourned.**

**SECONDED by: Ms. Sudar**

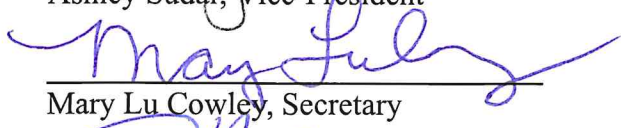
**ACTION: Meeting Adjourned 6:53 p.m.**

  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Lopez

Reviewed by: Mary Lu Cowley, Board Secretary