

**EPL Special Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**6pm, Central Library**

**Trustees Present:** Debbie Kroupa; President, Dr. Patricia Schrull, Jessica Schneider, Ray Armstrong Jr.

**Trustees Absent:** Sam Battle, Rhonda Smith, Dr. Chad Vickers

**EPL Staff:** Jennifer Starkey; Director, Debby Perkins; Fiscal Officer, Linda Jones; Interim Fiscal Officer

**Visitors:** None

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Kroupa called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Welcome of Attendees:** Ms. Kroupa
3. **Hearing of the Public Visitors:** Ms. Kroupa
4. **New Business:**  
Motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor.

**Resolution #116.23:** On the motion of Dr. Patricia Schrull, seconded by Ray Armstrong Jr., the board unanimously agreed to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor.

Motion to hire Debby Perkins as Chief Fiscal Officer of Elyria Public Library, with the contract to be effective 10/23/2023, and with a compensation set at \$85,000 per year.

**Resolution #117.23:** On the motion of Debbie Kroupa, seconded by Jessica Schneider, the board unanimously agreed to hire Debby Perkins as Chief Fiscal Officer of Elyria Public Library, with the contract to be effective 10/23/2023, and with a compensation set at \$85,000 per year.

Motion to extend the contract with Linda Jones as Interim Fiscal Officer of Elyria Public Library, until November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Resolution #118.23:** On the motion of Debbie Kroupa, seconded by Dr. Patricia Schrull, the board unanimously agreed to extend the contract with Linda Jones as Interim Fiscal Officer of Elyria Public Library, until November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion to amend the Resolution #114.23, On the motion of Dr. Chad Vickers, seconded by Sam Battle, the board approves the motion for the manager/non-union staff to receive a pay increase as stated in Executive Session to include “pay increase of 4% retro active to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.”

**Resolution #119.23:** On the motion of Jesscia Schneider, seconded by Ray Armstrong Jr., the board unanimously approved to amend the Resolution #114.23, On the motion of Dr. Chad Vickers, seconded by Sam Battle, the board approves the motion for the manager/non-union staff to receive a pay increase as stated in Executive Session to include “pay increase of 4% retro active to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.”

5. Adjournment

**Resolution #120.23:** On the motion of Ray Armstrong Jr., seconded by Dr. Patricia Schrull, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm.

Next Board meeting will be held at the Keystone Branch on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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President

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Secretary

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