

**Community Library Network  
Board of Trustees Budget Hearing  
Thursday, 12 August 2021 Post Falls Library, 6 pm  
Meeting Room 2**

**We Empower Discovery**

**Agenda**

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Roll call: Board Trustees present: Katie Blank, Regina McCrea, Vanessa Robinson, Rachelle Ottosen.  
Judy Meyer - absent  
Financial Committee present: Michele Veale. Bob Fish - absent  
Staff present: Amy Rodda, Janelle Sells

Board Chair comments:

Blank welcomed community members to the meeting. She described the district boundaries, facilities and households served. The purpose for the hearing is to listen to comments and concerns from the public. The Board will take comments from the public to the next regular meeting for discussion.

Introductions: The Board and staff introduced themselves.

Public input:

Speakers must live within the district.

Speakers must state name and address and may speak for no more than 5 minutes.

Erin Barnard - Barnard does not live in the district but was appreciative of the attention to detail the Board has given to the budget.

Summer Bushnell - Bushnell asked about grant dollars coming in and out. Rodda explained how grants income is received from various sources and can only be used for the specified grant purpose. She also wondered why the utilities for Hayden and Post Falls were so much more than that of other facilities. Rodda explained that Hayden and Post Falls are significantly larger buildings than other facilities and utilities will be more due to the size of the buildings. Bushnell requested clarification on the definition of CARRF. Blank defined the Capital Asset Repair and Replacement Fund as funds the library district can set aside for future capital repair or replacement needs.

Mary Swoboda - Swoboda contacted the Director prior to the public meeting for assistance locating the budget on the website. She requested that the full published budget be available without having to complete a formal public records request. She would like to see expenditures reduced as she lives on a fixed income.

Board member comments:

Robinson thanked the members of the public for their attendance.

E-rate budget reduction: action item

Ottosen moved to reduce the budget by \$70,890. Robinson sought input from the public. They stated they would rather have the library spend the funds in a fiscally responsible manner. McCrea stated that the proposed re-allocation of the e-rate discount is just a proposal. She is uncomfortable approving a reduction to expenditures since the e-rate discount approval had not been confirmed yet. Ottosen said a small reduction of \$1.71 per household per year would be a show of good faith. Robinson stated that the district not taking the full 3% allowed by law is a show of good faith. McCrea agreed and stated property taxes were not being raised and the district was only increasing the budget by the allowed amount of growth from new construction. Blank stated that due to the growth in the district, the levy rate has actually declined.

M, Failed - Ottosen approved, McCrea and Robinson opposed

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

M, C - McCrea

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Rodda, Janelle Sells

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Calendar of events:

19 August 2021	Regular Meeting	2:00 - 5:00	Post Falls
26 August 2021	Budget Approval	6:00	Post Falls
16 Sept 2021	Regular Meeting	2:00 - 5:00	Post Falls

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