

AMENDED
Community Library Network
SPECIAL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
FRIDAY 14 July 2023
Post Falls Chamber of Commerce
201 E 4th Ave, Post Falls, ID
2:00 – 4:00 pm

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Agenda

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

Roll Call Trustees: Katie Blank, Tom Hanley, Rachele Ottosen, Tim Plass, Vanessa Robinson
Staff: Alexa Eccles, Michelle Fansler
Guest(s): Colton Boyles, Mike Gridley

Community Library Network Financial Management Policy Discussion. To amend or at minimum to clarify/revoke delegation of contracting, previously adopted on 04/21/2022.

Financial Management Policy: Action Item

- The Board discussed who has the authority to hire an attorney. The attorney, Gridley, contracted by the Director gave feedback. The Board discussed amending the Financial Management Policy which would impact the Director's ability to enter contracts below \$50,000. Eccles gave examples of multiple contracts that must be signed on a weekly basis for routine operations and did not recommend the Board remove her authority to enter contracts below \$50,000. Blank and Robinson asked for a written draft of the amended policy along with a list of contracts from the Director and for the public to be able to comment on the recommended change before bringing it to a vote. Plass moved to replace the word "delegates" with "may delegate" in the Financial Management Policy as proposed by the Chair. The Chair called for a vote. Hanley, Ottosen, and Plass said "aye." Blank asked for discussion. Ottosen said we just had discussion on that motion and the ayes have it and the motion is carried. Eccles pointed out that if there is anything procedurally inappropriate that it could nullify the motion and the action.

M, C – Plass (Blank and Robinson did not vote)

2:50 pm Executive Session (Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a): To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need: Individual Agent or firm (legal)

- Hanley moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 74-206(1)(a) at 2:51 pm
Blank – Nay
Hanley – Aye
Ottosen – Aye
Plass – Aye
Robinson – Nay
Eccles, Gridley, and Blank stated the Board needs a 2/3 majority to go into executive session and referred to Idaho Code Open Meeting Law 74-206.

M, F - Hanley

Engaging an Individual Agent or firm (legal): Action Item

- Blank and Eccles expressed ethical concerns over hiring Boyle’s Law firm. Boyles shared some of his background and expertise. Blank asked Boyles for references. Boyles referred the Board to the public sphere. Robinson asked for clarity on whether Boyles bills for transportation. Boyles said he normally does not bill for transportation. If his firm were to incur transportation costs, he would have a conversation with the client and negotiate. Plass asked Boyles to explain cases with the vaccine mandate he may have been involved in and the outcomes. Boyles noted he is in favor of informed consent. Boyles gave several examples of cases at the state and federal level. Boyles compared these constitutional issues to what a library District would have to deal with. Ottosen asked both Gridley and Boyles to address whether the Board needs to ask for Gridley’s resignation before hiring Boyles’ firm. After both lawyers made comments Ottosen asked Gridley if she should ask for his resignation. Gridley said, “Given what I’ve heard here today I would be amenable to just terminating that contract.” Hanley moved that the Community Library Network hire Boyle’s Law. Blank was not in favor of hiring Boyles Law.

Ottosen called for a vote for CLN to hire Boyle’s Law. Blank asked for a roll-call vote.

Plass – aye

Blank – nay

Robinson – abstained

Hanley – aye

Ottosen – aye

M, C – Hanley

Set Special and Regular Meeting Date(s): Action Item

- Blank requested thirty minutes of public comment time during special meetings because regular business is being discussed at special meetings. Ottosen and Plass said the public comment can be during the regular meeting, but the special meetings have been for hiring a lawyer and discussing the budget. Ottosen did not agree to public comment being added to the agenda at special meetings. Robinson felt if there is a policy change on the agenda the public should have the opportunity to comment. Ottosen asked Robinson to bring that up at the end of the next meeting.

Adjournment: Action Item

Robinson moved to adjourn at 3:45 pm.

M, C – Robinson

Calendar of events:

17 July 2023	Special Meeting Budget Discussion	2:00-4:00	Post Falls
18 July 2023	Special Meeting Budget Discussion	2:00-4:00	Post Falls
20 July 2023	Regular Meeting	1:00-4:00	Post Falls
25 July 2023	Special Meeting Budget Discussion	2:00-4:00	Post Falls
10 Aug 2023	Budget Hearing	5:30	Post Falls
17 Aug 2023	Regular Meeting	2:00 – 5:00	Hayden
21 Sep 2023	Regular Meeting	9:00 – 12:30	Pinehurst

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