

FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Board of Trustees - Regular Session

May 21, 2026

Trustees Present: Teresa Haggstad, Jackie Dickow, Lanning Nicoloff, Faten Abdallah, Sue Sevedge, Sheri Klindera, Darci Waltrip.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Sarah K. Flanagan, Library Director; Juan Martinez, Assistant Library Director.

Call to Order: At 7:02pm, Teresa Haggstad called the Regular Meeting to order.

Minutes: A motion was requested to approve the April 2026 Regular Session minutes. Mrs. Sevedge so made the motion and Mrs. Klindera seconded. Motion carried.

Finances: The May 2026 Vendors Lists was presented. A motion to approve the List was made by Mrs. Dickow and seconded by Mrs. Abdallah. Motion carried. The Monthly Financial Report was also discussed with Balances and Finances. The 2025 Final Tax Computational Report came out; \$793,100.00 was levied and nearly all of that, \$770,084.94, will be received.

Recognition of Visitors: None.

Old Business: Installation of our new HVAC system continues into the third week, with one week to go. They've finished the electrical and will begin testing soon. A six-foot concrete block will need to be poured as the unit outside needs to be that far away from the building. The library is looking to reopen Monday, June 1st but will need a deep cleaning before then. While our new HVAC system will have four stages, whereas the old one had only two, with one failing and the other on continuous running to compensate, Helm will test to make sure that everything is working so that Stages 3 and 4 will never have to be used. The library will continue to host the Kids' Theater Group on Saturday, May 30th but will still be closed to the public.

New Business: New Economic Interest Statements were passed out to the Board, which are not yellow as we were instructed to print them off ourselves. The county is also allowing them to be emailed back. Everyone but Board Member Faten Abdallah received one, as she will need to fill one out for next year's election when she runs again. 2026-2027 Non-Resident Fee Ordinance 25-3 was discussed, with the yearly amount going up from \$126.00/yr to \$140.00/yr (rounded up from \$138.43). A motion was made by Mrs. Dickow and seconded by Ms. Waltrip to set the Non-Resident Fee to \$140 via roll call vote. All present voted "Yea". Personnel Committee Meeting was set for June 18th at 6 PM and it was agreed that all Board Meeting dates will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month.

Librarian's Report: Summer Reading 2026 Schedule is now out with exciting new classes like Slime Lab, Mini Pizza Garden, Adult Chain Mail, Reel Talk, Short Story Contests, and end-of-summer Mini Golf. We will be incubating eggs for our "Library Liberty Chicks" that will be ready by July 4th. July 8th will be our America250 event. CHS has awarded the library a grant for \$3500 for new computers. Delegates meeting via Zoom; PrairieCat continues to work on a PrairieCat app for patrons. Our "Plant A Seed, Read!" t-shirts have been ordered.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mrs. Abdallah and seconded by Mrs. Sevedge to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Juan Martinez

Recording Secretary

Approved: 6/18/2024