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MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Siouxland Libraries

Ronning Branch

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and declaration of quorum. The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM by Murtha.
Members present: Jean Bender, Adam Emerson, Sue Ann Lang, Justine Murtha, Kelly Thompson and Library Director Alysia Boysen.
Members absent: Jen Bleyenbergh
Staff present: Paul Bengford, Kim Koblack, Amy Larsen, Nicole Norton
Public present: one
2. Adoption of the agenda. Motion by Bender and second by Lang to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Bender and second by Thompson to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Public Input. (There was no public input.)
5. Review of financial and statistical reports.
 - a. Boysen gave a review of financial and statistical reports. Under the capital budget, staff are obtaining quotes for shelving and signage. The encumbered amount under technology capital is for the Oak View AMH. This has been received and it is working and the amount will be moved to be spent next meeting. For the collections operating budget, there are fewer newspapers as some have ceased printing. Hoopla also comes from the collections operating budget. With Hoopla ending, there will be significant cost savings. From technology operating, 81% has been spent. IT sets aside these funds early each year to save for larger future purchases.
 - b. The library service population grew by approximately 5,000 in Sioux Falls in 2025. Rural community service populations stayed relatively flat. New cardholders decreased YTD by 5%, but active cardholders increased by 2%. The library catalog session decreased significantly, and this was not offset by an increase in mobile app users. The digital team pulled stats and found that users going directly to Libby increased by 30%. Physical circulation is down 1.8%, on par with last year, as more users go digital. Digital circulation is up 2% and 2025 ended with a 13% increase. The 2026 programming focus has shifted more to literacy, ending programs that do not have a literacy or learning focus. Additionally, with the partnering of city and rural branches, staff are adjusting to the changes, but in the long run, more programming will be offered at the rural locations. The shift to literacy-focused programming is to help support third-grade reading scores in Sioux Falls, which are at 43% proficiency, with some rural communities having lower scores. Discussion from Lang about whether the low scores can be attributed to a lack of quality early education or a high number of English language learners.
6. Library Director and staff reports.
 - a. Director Report – Alysia Boysen.
 - i. Boysen indicated this was covered during the financials and statistics report.
 - b. Ronning/Garreston Branch Update – Kim Koblack
 - i. Ronning Branch had a landscape update in 2025 with new concrete, accessible parking updates, new retaining wall, and additional trees. Touch ups will occur this spring. Parking lot lights have been updated with LEDs. Kim reported on circulations,

walkin visitors, and programming successes at the branch. Koblank and Larsen met with the Garretson Economic Development group to begin discussions on replacing the Garretson Branch exterior sign.

- c. Garretson School Departure – Alysia Boysen
 - i. Boysen shared information on the history of the partnership with the Garretson school and let the board know the partnership would be ending this year. Bender referenced an article in the Garretson Gazette about this subject.
 - d. One Book Siouxland (OBSL) – Kim Koblank
 - i. Koblank gave an update on the 2026 OBSL programming and shared the title for this year. Programming begins at the end of March and goes through April 28 when the Author will present.
 - e. Hoopla Sunset – Alysia Boysen
 - i. Boysen shared information on the sunseting of the hoopla pay-per-use model. She shared marketing and budget impact related to the sunset.
7. Unfinished Business. (There was no unfinished business.)
8. New Business.
- a. Accept Carnegie Corporation Donation – Alysia Boysen
 - i. Boysen presented a donation of \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Boysen requested that the board approve the donation. Motion by Thompson and second by Bender to accept the donation. Motion carried.
 - b. Circulation Policy – Amy Larsen
 - i. Discussion on the addition of My First Library Card (MFLC) options to the circulation policy. Motion by Lang and second by Bender to approve the circulation policy updates with an effective date of May 4, 2026. Motion carried.
 - c. 2025 Annual State Report – Alysia Boysen
 - i. I. Boysen shared information about the State Annual report for the library board's approval. Motion by Bender and second by Lang to approve the state report. Motion carried.
9. Other.
- a. Discussion about groups using the library meeting rooms. No action was taken.
10. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2026, at 4:30 PM at the Humboldt Branch, 201 S. Main St., Humboldt, SD.
11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 P.M.

Amy Larson, Library Staff

Date Approved

Alysia Boysen, Library Director