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SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 23, 2014

5:30 PM

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library was held on June 23, 2014 at the Mount Vernon Public Library, 28 South First Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550 Brian Johnson who presided called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

ROLL CALL

Trustees Present; Linda Bryant, Oscar Davis, Brian Johnson, Darren Morton and Na'im Tyson.

Also Present: Judy Williams, Commissioner of Human Resources; Joe Parisi, Mount Vernon Inquirer; Hafeezah Basir, Christine Gibson, Robert Lattimer, Deborah Ramsey, Ruth Shire, Henry May, David Ockene, Jamie Pessin, and Tamara Stewart, Library Patrons; Carolyn Karwoski, Library Director; Juan Jaramillo, Chief Account Clerk and Mary Harper, Administrative Assistant.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Assessment Resolution

Darren Morton said that the library was working diligently with the city and the school district to get the resolution for the tax levy submitted.

He has worked with the city and the assessor's office and contacted different entities regarding exemptions to the tax levy. He also referred to the laws relating to local governments adopting a tax levy.

The assessor has sent documents for the tax warrant to the Mayor's office for his signature.

The tax bill will list the school district and the library.

Upon a motion by Darren Morton, seconded by Brian Johnson, the Board adopted the tax assessment resolution. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Mount Vernon Public Library Resolution

Resolution 00003-14

June 23, 2014

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Public Library as a school district public library, needs to adopt the tax assessment for purposes of the library tax, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Mount Vernon Public Library has agreed to accept the recommendations from the City of Mount Vernon Tax Assessor, and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon Public Library, a school district public library chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, for the purposes of library tax collection through the Mount Vernon City School District hereby adopts the assessment roll(s) and exemptions thereon utilized by the Mount Vernon City School District for the collection of school taxes, with the exception of the STAR and enhanced STAR exemptions which are not applicable to library taxes.

Motion by Darren Morton

Second by Brian Johnson

Yea	Nay	Trustees
<u> √ </u>	___	Linda Bryant
<u> √ </u>	___	Oscar Davis
<u> √ </u>	___	Brian G. Johnson
<u> √ </u>	___	Darren M. Morton
<u> √ </u>	___	Na'im R. Tyson

Assistant Director Resolution

Brian Johnson noted that the salary and date of hire should be included in the resolution. Na'im Tyson requested the New York State Librarian's certificate from the candidate.

There were concerns about the salary range and whether the proper civil service procedures had been followed.

Oscar Davis said that by law the Board of Trustees negotiates salaries.

Trustee Davis said that he supported that an Assistant Director is needed. He wanted to know if the request to submit two candidates for the position was done.

The position was not posted with civil service as required.

Oscar Davis said that we have to evaluate our hiring practices. He said he is afraid this decision could open the library up to a law suit.

Darren Morton said that questions had been asked regarding this position and the process and he thought the correct process was followed. He said we may be in danger of violating civil service law.

Oscar Davis said he had reached out to Human Resources Commissioner, Judy Williams to be part of the conversation

Upon a motion by Darren Morton, seconded by Linda Bryant the Board entered executive session at 6:02 pm for the purpose of discussing civil service requirements and hiring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Brian Johnson, seconded by Darren Morton, the Board returned to public session at 6:32 pm. and recorded this decision:

As a result of the executive session, the Board moved to table Resolution 00004-14 to a subsequent special meeting upon a motion by Darren Morton, seconded by Brian Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Oscar Davis, seconded by Brian Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Karwowski
Secretary