

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

**ATTENDANCE**

TRUSTEES:	Anietra Guzmán-Santana Nancy Maron Stephen Jannetti Joseph Puglia Derrick Touba John Saraceno Josephine Ilarraza
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Ed Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	James Hackett
WLS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:	Tr. Puglia
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Brandon Neider, PC Technician I
GUESTS:	Dominick Savarese, President, SEIU 704B

The Board Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Pres. Guzmán-Santana announced that she accepted a position with JCY-Westchester Community Partners and, citing the possibility of a conflict of interest with Reading Buddies and other programs the Library partners with JCY-Westchester Community Partners on, will step down immediately from the office of President of the Board of Trustees and that Vice President Maron will serve as President until new officers are elected in January. Tr. Guzmán-Santana also announced that she would resign her term as Trustee (ending 2020) at the end of the year. The Board congratulated Tr. Guzmán-Santana on her new position and thanked her for her service on the Board.

**MINUTES**

On motions of Tr. Puglia and Guzmán-Santana, both seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 18, 2019 and of the Special Meeting of August 19 respectively.

### **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Director Falcone announced that a dispute between the contractor and a tile supplier has delayed completion of the façade project at the Will Branch. He is hopeful it will be completed before the end of October.

Director Falcone updated the Board on the planning of the elevator replacement project at the Will Branch. The engineer consultant has prepared the documents necessary for the bidding process and they should be ready to seek bids within a month or two.

Director Falcone updated the Board on the status of several grants.

Deputy Director Thaler announced that the Summer Reading Buddies program at the Riverfront Library was very successful. The New York State Summer Food Service Program held at the Riverfront Library and the Will Branch was also very successful. The program at Riverfront in particular fed several thousand children.

Director Falcone formally announced his retirement at the end of the year and wished the Board well on their search for a new Director.

### **UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Representative Neider shared with the Board the staff's concern about the possible termination of Sunday service. Director Falcone stated that he reached out to the City Council to ask that money earmarked in the budget for Sunday service over the summer be restored and was hopeful it would be soon.

### **WLS REPORT**

Tr. Puglia had nothing to report.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following appointments:

Lloyd Conley, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 8/9/19  
Haifa Bint-Kadi, Art Gallery Curator, \$25.00/hr, eff. 8/23/19

Acknowledged the following terminations:

Maiya Coleman, IT Assistant, \$45,536.00/yr, eff. 8/22/19  
Antoinette Raniolo, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 8/28/19  
Arlene Marcano, Clerk I Spanish Speaking, \$43,075.00/yr, eff. 9/19/19  
Natalie Aitkenhead, P/T Custodial Worker, \$12.00/hr, eff. 9/3/19

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance, Budget & Planning**- Guzmán-Santana, Maron, Jannetti

Director Falcone stated that he would begin discussions with the Committee on the FY 2021 budget in October.

**Employee Relations** - Guzmán-Santana, Touba, Puglia

**Buildings & Grounds** - Guzmán-Santana, Saraceno

**Policy** - Guzmán-Santana, Ilarraza

The Committee announced that it had completed its review of the staff manual and was discussing policy revisions and updates with management.

**Fundraising & Development** – Guzmán-Santana, Maron, Jannetti

Foundation update: Tr. Guzmán-Santana informed the Board that the Foundation was planning its annual appeal and that it should be printed before Thanksgiving. Pres. Maron asked that the other Trustees help spread the word.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedules #806 & #807.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the CLUSTER gala on September 26 where the Library would be honored. Tr. Guzmán-Santana also announced that Director Falcone and Deputy Director Thaler would be honored at an upcoming JCY-Westchester Community Partners volunteer recognition ceremony.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Director Thaler updated the Board on the postponed Staff Development Day. It will be held in either November or December and asked that the Board vote to close the Grinton I. Will Branch to host it when a date is selected next month.

Pres. Maron asked Trustees to think about recommendations to make to the Yonkers Public Schools Board of Trustees to fill the expiring term of Tr. Touba and the term Tr. Guzmán-Santana will resign at the end of the year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Tr. Guzmán-Santana motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss the performance of a particular employee at 7:31 p.m. The session ended at 9:50 p.m.

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** – Thursday, October 17, 2019 at the Riverfront Library

Edward Falcone  
Library Director & Secretary