

**WHITE OAK LIBRARY DISTRICT
MAY 26, 2026
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM
ROMEOVILLE BRANCH**

CALL TO ORDER

President Deanna Amann called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Board members present: Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, and June Rokita-Kennedy.

Absent: Andrew Koroma and Kelly Schneider.

Public in attendance: none.

Staff present: Scott Pointon and Patti Sacco

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - none

MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes.

June Rokita-Kennedy moved to approve the April 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes – Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, and June Rokita-Kennedy. Nays - none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – Scott Pointon received a congratulatory letter from Ronald J. Kurtz, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the \$850,000 in grant money that will be awarded to the White Oak Library District. This grant sponsored by Congressional Representative Lauren Underwood, will pay for the bookmobile and help our Outreach goals.

Scott Pointon received an email from Nick Schaff a representative of Midwest Energy, notifying him that ComEd is looking for property to build large battery storage units. ComEd will pay \$50,000 per year with a 20-year contract for the use of the space. Scott Pointon will learn more details before the next Board meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Gayle Crompton read the Treasurer’s Report for April 2026. Cash on hand as of April 1, 2026 was \$2,413,186.97. Income as of April 30, 2026 was \$50,827.50. Disbursements as of April 30, 2026 were \$280,872.48. The payment of the April 2026 bills was \$173,014.05. There was an adjustment of \$32,305.19. Cash on hand as of April 30, 2026 was \$2,042,433.13.

Gayle Crompton moved the Board approve the April 2026 Treasurer’s Report. Ann Lopez-Caneva seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes— Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, and June Rokita-Kennedy. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Personal Property Replacement Tax received to date for FY 2025-2026 was \$279,354.26. The Lockport Township estimate for FY 2025-2026 is \$368,045.15.

2024 Levy Real Estate Distributions and Interest received to date was \$6,984,297.35. Percent received to date is 99.91%.

Additional information regarding interest rates – the PMA Investments Report was reviewed.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In addition to his written report, Scott Pointon discussed the need for staff to be paid a competitive wage and that the vacation time and holiday time be comparable to that of the industry standard, stating that this may help us with staff retention.

OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING UPDATES - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – as authorized under 5 ILCS 120/2 for Legal Matters, Business matters, Security/Criminal matters, or any other allowable Miscellaneous matters – none needed.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF FY 2026/2027 SALARY SCALE

The Board members reviewed the proposed Salary Scale for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Ann Lopez-Caneva moved that the Board approve the FY 26/27 Salary Scale as presented. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes— Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, and June Rokita-Kennedy. Nays - none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATES

The Board members reviewed the changes to the Personnel Policy.

Ann Lopez-Caneva moved that the Board approve the changes to the Personnel Policy as presented. Gayle Crompton seconded the motion. Roll call indicated: Ayes— Deanna Amann, Gayle Crompton, Nancy Hackett, Ann Lopez-Caneva, and June Rokita-Kennedy. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEMBERS CONCERNS/COMMENTS

Deanna Amann expressed her sadness that our Teen Focused Librarian Cindy Shutts’ last day will be Friday, June 5th. Scott Pointon reported that after 16 years with the Library District, Cindy Shutts is leaving to be closer to home and to be able to work with friends she has missed.

Deanna Amann also gave kudos to HR Manager Patti Sacco for showing both kindness and professionalism in the job that she does.

REVIEW OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY STANDARDS – 2025 EDITION – CHAPTER 7 – HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board reviewed the Action Plan completed by Scott Pointon to determine how the Library District is addressing the Illinois Public Standards.

ADJOURNMENT

Gayle Crompton moved for adjournment at 8:20p.m. Ann Lopez-Caneva seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.