

BENZIE SHORES DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Jennie Schmitt at the BSDL.

We welcomed Claudia Bailey as the new representative on the board from Lake Township and had a round of introductions.

**Present:** Trustees, Ginny Freeman, Jon Hawley, Jennie Schmitt, Laura Reznich, Brian Johnson, and Claudia Bailey; Stacy Pasche, Library Director.

**Absent:** Trustee, Jim Larsen.

**Approval of Agenda: Motion** by Jon Hawley/Laura Reznich to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, unanimous.

**Public Input:** None

**Approval of Minutes: Motion** by Jon Hawley/Brian Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023, regular board meeting as written. Motion carried, unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report: Motion** by Brian Johnson/Ginny Freeman to approve the August treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried, unanimous. There was discussion regarding budget categories and where and how the music project expenses will be recorded. Laura and Stacy will work this out and explain it to us at a future meeting.

**Approval of Monthly Bills: Motion** by Laura Reznich/Brian Johnson to authorize the August disbursements as listed and attached to the minutes. Motion carried, unanimous.

**Library Director's Report:** Stacy reported on August. See attached report. There was discussion regarding the school libraries' collections and staff coverage.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Old Business:**

1. Landscaping Updates - artwork - See director's report. Carolyn Thayer needs to know the placement of artwork in the harmony garden so she can leave spaces when planting the perennials. The landscaping committee and library staff need to address this and make a recommendation.

**New Business:**

1. Board Retreat - We decided to have a program following a regular board meeting; suggested subject is the Open Meetings Act and how to handle public relations and the media. Stacy will reach out to Ann Seuryneck of Foster Swift regarding her availability in November.

2. Policy Update, Power Outage - Motion by Brian Johnson/Jon Hawley to approve the suggested changes in the Power Outage policy as written. Motion carried, unanimous. See attached policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Freeman, Secretary