



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Special Session Minutes**

**Monday, December 13, 2021**

**HPLD Administration Building**

**2650 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St., Greeley, CO 80631**

**6:15 p.m.**

#### **1.0 OPENING of MEETING at 6:36p.m.**

##### **1.1 Roll Call**

All were Present unless noted:

Chair Ken Poncelow

Vice-Chair Mary Heberlee

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Roberts

Trustee Teresa Curtis

Trustee Gerri Holton

Trustee Joyce Smock

Trustee Jana Caldwell

Legal Counsel William Garcia

Staff: Dr. Matthew Hortt, HPLD Executive Director; Melissa Beavers, Lincoln Park Library Manager; and Kim Parker, Executive Assistant

Guests: Weld County Commissioner Perry Buck

From Eaton Public Library: Library Director Brenda Carns and Trustee Nomie Ketterling

From Fort Lupton Public and School Library: Library Director Thomas Samblanet and Trustee Lia Inge

From Glenn A. Jones, MD Memorial Library: Library Director Kristi Plumb and Trustees Sheryl Ballard, Corina Strickland, and Jenna Hall

From Hudson Public and Keenesburg Libraries: Library Director Tami Crossen and Trustees Lynda Pruett, Wilbur Wafel, Jamie Jeffery, and Rick Medrano

From Northern Plains Public Library: Library Director Laura McFarland and Trustee Martha Harold

From Platteville Public and Nantes Libraries: Library Director Naomi Nguyen and Trustee Cassie Lawson

- 1.2 Approval of Agenda  
**MOTION** to approve the agenda as recommended: Vice-Chair Mary Heberlee  
**SECOND:** Trustee Joyce Smock  
**DISCUSSION:** None  
**VOTE:** Unanimously approved, 7:0

- 1.3 Public Comment  
Weld County Commissioner Perry Buck thanked everyone for all they do.

## 2.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ACTION

- 2.1 Introductions of Trustees and Member Library Boards and Directors – Dr. Matthew Hortt, HPLD Executive Director  
Dr. Hortt invited the Member Library Directors to introduce their Board Trustees and tell what has gone well this year.

Kristi Plumb, Library Director of the Glenn A Jones, MD Memorial Library shared that GA Jones will do accessibility work in 2022, including changing the front doors for improved for accessibility. They will also add a Makerspace. In closing, she shared that Ken Poncelow played Santa for the library on the previous Saturday, and commended her fellow Member Library Directors for being helpful and supportive.

Tami Crossen, Library Director of the Hudson Public and Keenesburg Libraries told that a branch was opened in Keenesburg, and it is busy. Before COVID, they got a bookmobile from District Support Services and have now ramped it up and built a new garage for it. Next year they will have a Makerspace in the Hudson Library, and have just built a wall for it. The room should be complete within a week or two. Their Board Trustees in attendance include 2 representatives from Lochbuie, which is great because they are wanting to put a presence there in 2022.

Brenda Carns, Library Director of the Eaton Public Library, said their building is a great source of pride for the community. It was remodeled this year, six years after last build and remodel. They added a Makerspace, converted rooms upstairs to program spaces, and added a wall to separate quiet spaces from loud. They offer Tri-lingual storytimes (English/Spanish/ASL), and are looking for ways to be progressive and welcoming. The District has been fabulous in the remodel.

Laura McFarland, Library Director of the Northern Plains Library shared that they finished their remodel and have five storytimes and several children's programs. Their mission has been to move from a library to a community center and fostering the community feel. For instance, moms come in and get together. They are a loud library and proud of it.

Naomi Nguyen, Library Director of the Platteville Public and Nantes Libraries, told that they are fully staffed and the Nantes Library Nantes was on television on Rocky Mountain PBS.

Thomas Samblanet, Library Director of the Fort Lupton Public and School Library transitioned from supervisor to library director. They were way understaffed and are now fully staffed, serve snacks after school, and finally purchased land for a new library. The ground breaking for the new library will take place in the spring. It's been a great environment to come into.

Dr. Hortt said it's amazing to see all that's going on, in response to the announcements.

Chair Ken Poncelow showed everyone the thank you cards that were recently made for the HPLD Board Trustees.

## 2.2 General discussion of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs)

Staff reviewed the IGA and don't propose any changes to the document, and the IGAs will automatically renew. Also, the addition of a Creative Technologist was made to the Services list, and an updated list was shared with the Member Library Directors for agreement and updates. The Creative Technologist, whom will hopefully be hired in January, will be a resource for Member Libraries as well as Branch. This person can train staff on a variety of things, including makerspace, fiber arts, and welding.

Chair Poncelow asked if there was interest in putting together a working group to look at makerspaces and make recommendations, possibly someone from each library to make it a county-wide effort. Maybe schedule a tour of Cherry Creek's makerspace. Rick Medrano said it's happening informally, and doing so formally would benefit the District.

## 2.3 LINC Presentation

Dr. Hortt gave a presentation on the plans for LINC, the Library Innovation Center, which will be a lot more than a library. It will be a confluence of things, including skills-based development. He said that the District purchased the Greeley Tribune building a couple of years ago, and with the addition that is being added to the building, it will be 62,000 square feet. He described the building plans and showed a video of Rand E Morgan and Wes Sam Bruce. The presentation is included in the [Special Session Board Packet](#). Afterward, Chair Poncelow added that LINC will be a resource for the entire District, not only the Branch side.

## 3.0 BOARD COMMENTS

3.1 Due to a lack of time, no Board Comments were made.

## 4.0 ADJOURNMENT at 7:55p.m.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting: Trustee Jana Caldwell

**SECOND:** Vice-Chair Mary Heberlee

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously approved, 7:0

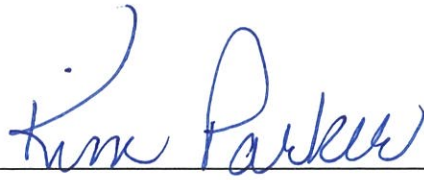
Upcoming meetings:

January 17, 2022, 5:00p.m. HPLD Board of Directors Meeting - Regular Session  
HPLD Administration Building, 2650 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley, CO 80631



HPLD Board Secretary/Treasurer

Mary Roberts



Recording Secretary

Kim Parker