

Daniel Boone Regional Library
Minutes, Meeting of December 19, 2023

Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination

Nate Suttentfield, President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) Board members present were Shannon Alvis, Margrace Buckler, Dorothy Carner, Mary Fennel, Jean Howard, Cori Miller, Khaki Westerfield, August Nielsen, Pat Powell, Jenniner Rodewald, Kate Markie, Nate Suttentfield, and Jacqueline Kelly. Tonya Hays-Martin was absent.

Also in attendance were DBRL Executive Director Margaret Conroy, and DBRL managers Karen Crago, Drew Ide, Erin Magner, Jim Smith, Mitzi St. John, Abbey Rimel, Sheryl Bucklew, Sara Henry, Angela Scott.

Public Comment

Wendy Rigby, DBRL employee, spoke about the bargaining process and urged the board to revote on the tentative agreements as they stood on November 29.

Crystal Buffaloe, DBRL employee, spoke about her time working at the library and expressed what the impact of approving the contract would be for her and the rest of the staff.

Megan Durham, DBRL employee, urged the board that they should trust the budget prepared by Jim Smith adding that in times of economic struggle, the burden should not solely be placed on the staff.

Robin Duple, former DBRL employee, spoke about how much the library staff contribute to the organization and emphasized the importance in giving them better pay and benefits.

A member of the public spoke about how much the library staff means to the community and asked the board to approve the contract.

Staff Announcements

None.

Closed Session Concerning Preparation, Including Any Discussions or Work Product, on Behalf of a Public Governmental Body or its Representatives for Negotiations with Employee Groups Under RSMo 610.021(9)

ACTION: Kelly moved, Howard seconded entering Closed Session concerning Preparation as Authorized Under RSMo 610.021(9). Vote on the motion was taken by roll call:

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Alvis – yes; Buckler – yes; Carner – yes; Fennel – yes; Kelly -- yes; Howard -- yes; Markie – yes; Miller – yes; Nielsen – yes; Powell– yes; Rodewald -- yes; Suttentfield – yes; Westerfield – yes. The motion passed.

Closed Session entered at 5:00 p.m.

Open session resumed at 5:47 p.m.

ACTION: Rodewald moved, Miller seconded voting to approve the union contract. Vote on the motion was taken by roll call: Alvis – yes; Buckler – yes; Carner – yes; Fennel – yes; Kelly -- yes; Howard -- no; Markie – no; Miller – yes; Nielsen – yes; Powell– yes; Rodewald -- yes; Suttentfield – yes; Westerfield – yes. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Suttentfield Adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Emily Camden.

Cori Miller, Board Secretary