

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
310 S. Meridian, Greenwood, IN 46143
October 7, 2025, 6:00pm

Members attending in person: Lori Feller, Josh Jackson, Carmen Madsen, David Penoff, Tamara Russell, Lauren Harmon

Members attending electronically: None

Members absent: Shan Rutherford

Other attendees: Emily Ellis, Susan Jerger, Karen Jewell, Julia Reynolds, Anna Roberts

Attending electronically: None

Members absent: Donna Ciriello, Kevin Hoover, Linda Messick

Call to Order: Lori Feller called the October 2025 regular meeting of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Josh Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance and David Penoff conducted the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed.

Josh Jackson moved to approve the minutes, David Penoff seconded, and the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Board Correspondence: Greg Wright Jr, City of Greenwood Controller, sent a letter dated 10/1/2025 to notify that a presentation of the Tax Increment Financing Financial Plan would be made at the RDC mtg on 10/14/2025.

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on September 4, 2025.

Susan Jerger confirmed that all funds are in balance at all the banks.

Carmen Madsen signed off on all bank balances.

Susan shared that some payments had accidentally been printed on construction account checks instead of rainy day account checks. The bank was alerted and the money appropriately moved and vouchered so there is a paper trail for audit. Check designs will be changed to prevent any future confusion.

The bond sale began today, October 7. The interest rate turned out to be a little better than estimated so the stepdown will be better. Closing documents will be signed the first week of November.

Some of the vendors that had been put on autopay are being switched back to manual pay due to a recommendation by the SBOA.

Review of Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report

Carmen Madsen noted that all liabilities have been recognized, checks have been written and signed, and payments will be made on time.

Carmen Madsen moved to approve, Tamara Russell seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by signature.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Reuter – Fiscal Plan

The SB1 bill voted into law last spring is going to cause substantial changes to the library's funding going forward. The detrimental effects will start impacting the library in 2026. Mike continued his advice that our spending should be planned to the revenue estimate only.

Resolution 25-07 Blanket Resolution to Reduce Appropriations

Lori Feller read out loud Resolution 25-07 that grants authority to the Library Director to modify appropriations in the 2025 and/or 2026 Budgets as necessary in response to receipt of the 1782 Notice for Budget year 2026 from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. By statute this should be no later than December 31, 2025. The Library Board will be updated on any modifications at the first public Board meeting following receipt of the 1782 Notice.

Tamara Russell moved to approve, Carmen Madsen seconded, and the Blanket Resolution to Reduce Appropriations were approved by signature.

Resolution 25-08 2026 Budget Adoption

Emily Ellis shared the official form for Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates which summarizes the 2026 budget appropriations by fund code and name, tax levy, and tax rate. There have been no changes since previously presented.

Carmen Madsen moved to approve, Lauren Harmon seconded, and the Appropriations and Tax Rates for Budget Year 2026 Resolution was approved by signature.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Attorney's Update: None

Executive Director's Report:

3rd qtr finance report/4th qtr financial forecast: Spending has remained conservative which should allow us to meet the spending goal Mike Reuter has recommended for year end.

Emily Ellis reported that progress on the bond is going well. In support of the bond and the projects it will fund, Emily attended meetings throughout the month with Baker Tilly, Ice Miller, Luminaut, CMTA and the Veridus Group. Emily and Julia had a great meeting with Kevin Steinmetz who has stepped in short-term as our community liaison with the city. Emily also hosted an outdoor movie event at the Greenwood Little League and attended a CCEF (Community Career Education Forum) outreach event at Endress + Houser.

Highlights from Department Reports:

Julia Reynolds reported that the Purse Bingo fundraiser held in September was highly attended and brought in a profit of \$11,964! Julia and Valerie Holbrook set up an online shop of the Studio Merchandise that can be accessed on the Foundation website.

The Living Room got an update with a new kitchen, medical kit, helper puppets, and some other toys, some of which were recommended by a therapist that uses the room regularly.

Adult program highlights during the month included a defense program for women led by Rose from Pilsun ATA and a true crime conversation with hosts of the Murder Sheet podcast regarding the Delphi Murders. Tweens enjoyed a Maker program on agamographs. The Kids department hosted a 4 week series called Words & Wiggles focusing on movement, improvisation, and imagination. A Sensory Playdate series has been a welcome addition for certain families. And a second Early Literacy Mini Conference included a dyslexia specialist, a literary training support specialist and an award winning musician and child development specialist that provided resources and ideas for preschool providers, parents, and librarians to support their literacy work.

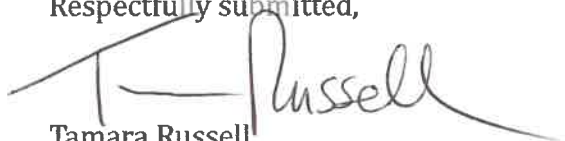
Other Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Lori Feller called for a motion to adjourn.

Tamara Russell made the motion to adjourn, Lauren Harmon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tamara Russell
Secretary