

**Warren-Newport Public Library District
Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole Report
Summary and General**

Date, and Location: Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Meeting Room A

Members Attending: Anne Linsdau-Hoeppner, Bonnie Sutton, Katherine Arnold, George Kotsinis, Andrea Farr Capizzi, Jo Beckwith, Ryan Livergood

Also Attending: Noreen Reese, Gina Ornelas

Overall Summary:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole included: Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Policy, and General topics. Reports of each area follow. The meeting included two executive sessions from 7:20 p.m. to 7:56 p.m. and from 8:26 p.m. to 8:56 p.m. Vice President Kotsinis moved and Trustee Arnold seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote. Committee of the Whole adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

General Topics: What was discussed, reported on, accomplished? Was there consensus on a decision?

Library Operations/Mask Update: Things are going well in the library. There are tentative plans to: 1) reopen study rooms when school starts; and 2) open the Vault with limited seating capacity for studying. Based on CDC and Illinois Dept. of Health recommendations, mask requirements will resume on Thursday. Covid cases in the zip codes we serve have moved from moderate (no masks required) to substantial (masks required). Sunday staffing will be difficult with current staffing levels. Mandatory vaccines for staff were discussed; the topic will be revisited next month.

IPLAR Report: Trustees should review the report and notify Ryan and Gina with any mistakes. It will be on the August agenda for approval for filing for the state per capita grant.

Strategic Planning Process 2021-2022: Ryan gave a report on the status of the bridge strategic plan.

SAFE-T Act Whistleblower Reporting: WNPLD will opt to let the Lake County State's Attorney serve as our auditing official for a whistleblower situation.

August 2021 Regular Meeting: This month's Regular Board Meeting was changed from August 17 to August 24.

Recommendation(s) for Board Action (if any), consent agenda or new business?

None.

Tasks Pending (if any) Who – What – When: Who's doing the task? What is it? What's the deadline?

Jo: Notify trustee candidates of Board appointment.

Personnel and General Agenda item(s) for next Committee of the Whole:

Jo Beckwith, President
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