

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 15, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library was held on Thursday, July 15, 2010, in the Central Library pursuant to due notice to trustees. The following members were present:

Sharon A. Thomas, Chair
Jack Connors, Vice Chair
Frank Gist, Secretary
Richard L. Berger (via telephone)
Phyllis A. Horton
Anne M. Leary
Hormoz Mansouri
Elaine M. Panty
John G. Schmidt, Jr.
Judith K. Summer
Wayne D. Wisbaum

Absent:

Sheldon M. Berlow
Rick Lewis
Albert L. Michaels
Mario J. Rossetti

Agenda Item E.2.c – 2011 Budget Guidance. Mr. Stone reported the Library expects to receive 2011 budget instructions and targets from the Erie County Budget Office July 16th with the budget being due in mid-August. He explained this resolution authorizes the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the budget request when it meets on July 29th at 1 p.m. because the full Board will not meet again until September and the budget is due mid-August. The resolution before trustees provides general guidance that basically says to maintain the existing levels and ask that the \$750,000 that was approved by the Legislature in the budget this year be incorporated into a base budget in 2011. Ms. Panty moved and was seconded by Ms. Horton. Approval was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2010-31

WHEREAS, as of July 8th, the Library had not yet received Year 2011 budget instructions and preliminary targets from the Erie County Budget Office, and

WHEREAS, said instructions are expected to be received on or about July 16th, with the budget request due to the County on August 13th, prior to the Library Board's next scheduled meeting, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a timely response to the County, budget preparation and review alternatives were discussed with the Board's Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Library desires to continue efficiency based realignments and strategic investments in County-wide literacy services, cultural tourism opportunities, and programs to assist our patrons meet the economic challenges of today's economy which all directly relate to the Library's mission, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends that Library Trustees articulate guidelines for preparing the 2011 budget request; designate the Library Director as responsible for preparing a draft budget request consistent with these guidelines; provide for review of the draft budget by the Budget and Finance Committee, which would provide direction to the Library Director in finalizing the budget submission to Erie County as close to the deadline as committee meeting schedules and preparation time will allow, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library hereby directs the Library Director, in cooperation with the Budget and Finance Committee, to complete the 2011 budget request utilizing the following guidance:

- Request the 2010 funding of \$750,000 restored via interfund subsidy in the County's adopted 2010 Budget be incorporated into the Library Tax Levy in the 2011 Budget to allow the Library to maintain service levels in the face of continuing high usage from patrons impacted by the struggling local and national economies, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director transmit the resulting request to the County of Erie's Division of Budget, Management and Finance as close to the deadline as schedules and preparation time will allow.