

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 20, 2017 at 10:00am

Present: Alice Askew, Dick Wiesen, Kara Spencer-Ching, Carol Griffis, Director Rob Alessi

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss changes to the "Minimum Standards for New York's Public Libraries" as proposed by the Department of Education, Division of Libraries. The Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO) has asked that all NYS library systems respond to a survey. B&ECPL Director Mary Jean Jakubowski will have local responses compiled and summarized for submission to PULISDO.

The current standards, numbers 1-12, with only minor changes/revisions were quickly summarized and accepted. On the whole, the revised language clarifies the intent of those factors and 'we are already meeting this standard'.

(#s 11 & 18 were withdrawn from the survey)

Regarding #13 Technology Training: requiring eight hours of formal training could be somewhat or very difficult: because of added costs, time constraints, and logistics. In theory, a phenomenal goal but would be difficult for EAU to meet because of our preponderance of PT staff.

Standard #14 Trustee Education: requiring three hours annually might be slightly difficult because of time constraints, logistics. Experienced trustees might not care to participate.

Standards #15 (Programming) & 16 (Collaborations & Partnerships) pose no difficulty here. But of course, more could be done.

#17 System Membership already fulfilled here.

Standard #19 Professional Development: managers' meetings and webinars help fulfill this. The requirement could be somewhat difficult, but has strong positive impact keeping personnel up to date.

Overall, we have a 'somewhat positive' impression of the proposed revisions.

Rob will submit our survey comments and answers along with our compliments to Ms. Jakubowski and PULISDO for bringing the proposed revisions before Trustees around the State. It is hoped that the Department of Education takes into consideration the advice and opinions of the Libraries affected.

We hope to see the final results as summarized by CEN.

Adjourned at 11:00

Carol Griffis, secretary