

Wabash Carnegie Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:30PM

Wabash Carnegie Public Library

188 W. Hill St.

Wabash, IN 46992

Call to Order

Bill Benysh called the regular meeting of the WCPL Board of Trustees to order at 5:30pm. This meeting was held at Wabash Carnegie Public Library, 188 W. Hill St, Wabash, IN 46992. Notice of the meeting was posted according to statute.

Members present were Bill Benysh, Rhonda Hipskind, Jim Widner, Jeff Knee, Susan Baker and Charles Miller. Executive Director Debra Greenacre was also in attendance.

Board Members absent with excuse: Mary Jo McClelland

Consent Agenda

Consent agenda was presented with noted changes to the minutes.

Motion: Miller

Second: Hipskind

Motion Carried

Presidents Report

President, Bill Benysh thanked Debra for being here and welcome from the Board. He also reported on filling vacancies of board members which will expire in July. The school Superintendent had some input on some choices for upcoming vacancies for board members.

Committee Report

Amy Ford called Rhonda about updates on outside gardening asking if she should go ahead and do what needs to be done.

New Business

1. Declare the Construction Account as a dormant account.

Motion: Miller
Second: Hipskind
Motion Carried

2. Approve transfer of \$15,799.22 from Construction Account into Rainy Day Fund

Motion: Widner
Second: Hipskind
Motion Carried

3. Void check #17586 dated 10/1/2023 in the amount of \$2.70 in accordance with the State Board of Accounts lost/dormant check regulations as it had not cleared the bank in two years.

Motion: Hipskind
Second: Widner
Motion Carried

4. Relocation Reimbursement Policy was presented as this was recommended by the State Board of Accounts.

Motion: Hipskind
Second: Knee
Motion Carried

5. Approve the renewal of NewsBank subscription at the annual cost of \$5,356.00.

Motion: Knee
Second: Miller
Motion Carried

6. Discussion of Potential Library of Things Policy and accompanying email by WCPL Attorney, Mark Guenin. The Policy was tabled for further research by the Executive Director, Debra Greenacre.

Manager's Reports and Interim Director's Reports were shared.

Directors Report

The Library received \$10,000 on Monday, February 16 from the Carnegie Foundation. Debra informed the Board that we have an audit this year.

Good of the Order

Raised beds will be taken care of by community members and Purdue Extension. The Story Walk at present location will be taken out and possible relocated with the help of the Friends of the Library. Cathy Wright representing the Friends of the Library was in attendance and the Library Board welcomed her. She shared ideas the Friends are looking into. The Friends meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. It was brought to the Library Board about honoring Jan Roland for the great job she performed being our Interim Director. Charlie and Rhonda will come up with some ideas.

Adjournment

6:20pm

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes for February 17, 2026 were presented and approved by the Board of Trustees on March 17, 2026.

W. S. Snyd

Ch. Miller

W. Kim

Rhonda Stipfel

Jane S. Kim

Tracy J. Trucciano

ATTEST

Susan Baker, Secretary