

April 5, 2022

A regular meeting of the Sherman County Public/School Library Board was held at the Sherman County Public/School Library at 5:30 pm.

Present: Arla Melzer, Chair
Joan Bird, Sherman County Commissioner
Kristie Coelsch, school representative
Sheri Carlson, community representative
Marylou Martin, staff
Absent: None
Guest: Wes Owens, Janet Pinkerton

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the March 1, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected. Under Library Status Update, school was inserted before attorneys and liability was added before concerns. Motion: Joan; Second: Kristie; unanimous.

Old Business

A. Library Status Update

On the request of the County Court, Melinda Thomas wrote a letter addressing the concerns of the school. Arla stated that the Board will go through these concerns and address them. Joan stated that she has already met with her legal counsel as well. It needs to be very clear cut as to who employs the library employees. It was requested that a work session be scheduled.

B. Budget

The Board looked over the new budget. **A motion was made to approve the proposed public portion of the Sherman County Public/School Library budget including a 2% cola to mirror the Sherman County School District. Motion: Sheri; Second: Kristie; unanimous.**

New Business

A. Program Room

Marylou asked if community members can reserve the program room, since there has been some interest in doing so. Yes, but the person reserving the room and hosting the meeting must be vaccinated or have an exemption. Also, it can only be reserved after school and SKORE.

B. Programs/Performers

Performers can start coming to the library again. The staff members at the library hosting the program must be vaccinated or have an exemption from vaccination.

C. Programs Report

Marylou reported that the library book club still meets every month and currently has fifteen members.

Comments From Visitors

Some questions were asked about the library security.

1. How many employees are in the library at any given time? While school is in session, there needs to be two employees.
2. Are the employees able to see the whole library from the desks? No, when there are students in the library for classes or at lunch time, one staff member walks around while the other one checks books out at the desk. Some of the shelves are too high to see over.
3. Are there cameras in the library? There is one camera in the foyer where the entry doors are but none in the actual library.

Next Meeting

A regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.