

East Brunswick Public Library
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
July 30, 2024

Attendees:

Otu Amankwah
Mr. Wayne Christie
Dr. Kenneth Freedman
Joseph Palombit
Colleen Talbot
Ashish Verma

Karen Parry, Interim Library Director
Maria Carmelo, Exec. Admin. Assistant

Mr. Amankwah called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. A roll call was made and a quorum was present. Mr. Amankwah stated that the meeting was advertised and the Open Public Meeting Act requirements were met.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session:

Dr. Freedman made a motion to enter closed session at 7:08 pm. Mr. Palombit seconded. Voting yes: Mr. Amankwah, Mr. Christie, Dr. Freedman, Mr. Palombit, Ms. Talbot and Mr. Verma. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None.

The Board returned to open session at 7:14 pm.

Discussion:

Mr. Amankwah thanked Ms. Parry for the very impressive job she has been doing as Interim Library Director and stated that the Director Search Committee has recommended offering Ms. Parry a contract for the position of Library Director effective August 1st 2024, for a period of one year.

Ms. Parry expressed her appreciation to the board, saying she is honored by the offer and she feels that everything seems to have fallen into place in the past 6 months. She will be working on grants and the Strategic Plan, as well as Safety Training and revising the library's Personnel Manual to be more compliant with the Township.

Dr. Freedman requested that Ms. Parry provide a list of Library Director Goals at the September board meeting.

The board discussed cancelling the August 20, 2024 meeting and rescheduling the September 17, 2024 meeting to the following Tuesday, September 24th, 2024.

Dr. Freedman made a motion to cancel the August 20, 2024 meeting and reschedule the September 17, 2024 meeting to the following Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Mr. Christie seconded. Voting yes: Mr. Amankwah, Mr. Christie, Dr. Freedman, Mr. Palombit, Ms. Talbot and Mr. Verma. Voting no: None. Abstaining: None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Freedman made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Mr. Christie seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Wayne Christie, Secretary