

Florence County Library Board

October 14, 2021

The Florence County Library Board was called to order by Chairman Fran Modschieder on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 11 AM in the School District's meeting room.

- Verification of the meeting notice was given by Stephanie Weber, library.
- Members in attendance were: Fran, Ed Kelley, Jim Dunkel, Jan Gehlhoff, Lisa Freeman, Debbie DeMuri & Stephanie Weber, librarian. Excused: Mike Theis. Guests were: Brandon Jerue, MS/HS Principal and Karl Morrin, School Superintendent.
- On motion by Jim, seconded by Jan to approve the agenda as given. Motion carried.
- On motion by Jim, seconded by Lisa to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.
- On motion by Lisa, seconded by Jan to approve the August/September bills and send them on to Audit and Budget. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- No new updates for school building security/ Building and Grounds.
- The Books on the Bus program sponsored by the Friends will resume with school's approval. All seat covers have been placed in the buses and books will be placed in the seat covers tomorrow.
- At the August Library meeting, the Board approved a budget of \$130,147.15. Stephanie was notified of a significant cut in the budget. She appeared before the Audit and Budget requesting reinstatement of all funds. Informational paperwork on the library was provided to the Budget Committee for their review. As a result, \$17,000 was placed back into the library budget for 2022 bringing us back to pre-COVID figures.

New Business:

- Board dates for 2022 are as follows: January 13-Election of officers; February 10-Annual Report; April 14-Memorandum of Understanding School/County; June 9 Joint Building and Grounds meeting; August 11-Library Budget approval; October 13-set 2023 Board dates.
- Mr. Jerue and Mr. Morrin informed the Library Board that the district would like to have the students and/or a class with a teacher begin using the library for book checkout during public library hours. On motion by Debbie, seconded by Lisa to approve this recommendation. Motion carried. It is understood if the public library would have restrictions for COVID-19 (such as masking), students would follow library guidelines. Debbie asked if the school might be putting additional monies into the purchasing of books for grades 7-12 seeing as they will be using the library more for leisure reading? She explained that our library budget must allow for materials for all ages from young to older readers. Brandon would review spending for MS/HS books. Stephanie asked about COVID numbers in school. Brandon explained numbers are available on the school website for review each week.
- Jan had no update on the Nicolet Library as her meeting was this afternoon.

Librarian Comments:

- Stephanie noted library activities have not fully resumed. The annual Train Show held in December will take place in a little different format, but outside like last year.

Friends: The program Books on the Bus will begin tomorrow. Little Free Libraries continue to be used. Fran indicated Tipler has put a chair next to theirs for folks to sit and read. The library is having trouble with the Microfilm reader and are researching how to solve this problem.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting date is **January 13, 2022.**

Debbie DeMuri
Secretary