

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Special Meeting

April 25, 2024

1. Call to Order:

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Frank Pasternak.

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Frank Pasternak, Don McIntosh, Zosia Ladak, Annette Majka, Lorie Barnwell, and Tom Paruszkiewicz.

Richard Palmer was absent.

Also Present: Oksana Urban, Warren Library Director, and Caitlin Murphy, City of Warren Attorney.

3. Approval of Agenda:

McIntosh moved to approve the agenda, supported by Majka; motion carried.

4. Discussion/Action Items:

a. Architectural Firm Ply+ was selected by the oversight committee to lead the design and building of the Modular Library. Several attributes were identified of the firm's capabilities including the firm's 40 years of experience and its demonstrated creative talents.

Majka made a motion to approve Ply+ as the architectural firm to lead the Modular Library construction project, supported by Ladak; motion carried.

b. Approval of FHS Superintendent's recommendations for the following: letters to parents, alter Code of Conduct, and requirement for students to present school ID to enter library premises. There were instances identified at the Busch Branch Library involving some of the Fitzgerald Public School students who were being disruptive both in the library, as well as, outside of the library. This was affecting patrons using the library as well as Warren Library staff members and other City of Warren workers. Updating the Warren Library Code of Conduct; requiring student ID cards to be held by the library until the student leaves the library; and having policemen or private security firms being on the library premises during the critical period when the students complete their school day were ideas identified and suggested for implementation.

Barnwell made motion that the Warren Library Code of Conduct be update by Urban and her supervisors and presented at the May 16, 2024, Warren Library Commission Regular Meeting, supported by Majka; motion carried.

c. Approval to hire a Security Guide: Suggested was to engage Warren Policemen or Private Security personnel to be present when the students come to the library after school is dismissed was identified as a critical part of action recommended for implementation. Barnwell made a motion to have Urban meet with the Warren Police Commissioner to establish a need for a policeman at the Busch Branch on a school day basis between 2:00 and 4:00 PM, supported by Majka; motion carried.

5. Audience Participation

- Concern for the delay in the Modular Library construction and a date for its completion were expressed.
- Having more library adult programs, similar to younger people programs, was recommended.

6. Next Meeting Date—May 16, 2024.

7. Adjournment: Barnwell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, supported by McIntosh; motion passed.

Donald J. McIntosh, Secretary