ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
ELK GROVE VILLAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday August 4, 2026

President Lee Maternowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Trustees present: Tim Burns, Isela Catania, JoAnn Shafar, Mary Vitale, Renee Weiland, Eileen Valentino. Also present were Library Director Debra Nelson, Business Manager Michael Mangini, Network Administrator Josh Fulkerson and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Snyder. Department Heads: Adult Services Mary Kay Stiff, Building & Security Rick Avalos, Circulation Services Richy Sandberg, Digital & Maker Services Jake Pajor, Technical Services Nichole Kelley, and Youth Services Adelaide Rowe. Also in attendance: Dave Frigo from RVi Planning and Landscape Architecture.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Outdoor Project Presentation: Dave Frigo presented the Board with an update on the outdoor project and left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Secretary Valentino moved, seconded by Trustee Vitale, that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting held July 7, 2026.

On a voice vote, the motion passed

AGENDA REVIEW

No additions were made to the Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the communications

FINANCIAL REPORT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SCHEDULE

Secretary Valentino moved, seconded by Trustee Catania, that the Board approve the Accounts Payable Schedule dated August 4, 2026 in the amount of **$344,875.88.**

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland
NAYS: None

Trustee Burns moved, seconded by Trustee Vitale, that the Board approve the Accounts Payable Addendum, which includes a payment of **$22,090.43** to Bibliocore/Bibliocloud Software and a payment of **$843.80** for ALA Conference reimbursements.

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland
NAYS: None

REPORT ON BOARD COMMITTEES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

No report

PERSONNEL

No report

POLICY

No report

LEGAL AND FINANCE

No report

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

BSS/Friends Workroom Renovation: The Friends were very appreciative of using Technical Services during the BSS/Friends workroom renovation and are excited to move into their new workspace.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- **Community Blood Drive:** The Village and Library teamed up for a community blood drive on August 1, collecting 63 pints of blood, which could save up to 189 lives.

- **Circulation and Foot Traffic Statistics:** Director Nelson reported that while circulation statistics are down, overall foot traffic is up, indicating that visitors are coming into the library for reasons other than borrowing items.

- **Evening Craft Classes:** In response to a question from Secretary Valentino about halted evening craft classes, Mary Kay explained that summer evening attendance is historically very low, whereas these classes are much more popular during the fall–spring schedule, when they will be reintroduced.

General Notes: President Maternowski noted that he enjoyed reading the ALA reports included in the board packet, mentioning that artificial intelligence (AI) appeared to be a major focal point in this year's presentations.

Community Events & Announcements:

- August 30 – Bark in the Park (Park District)
- September 12 – Get Fit Fair (Park District)
- September 19 at 2:00 p.m. – Oktoberfest Parade (Trustees welcome to join)

PENDING BUSINESS

No Pending Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Section: Appendix; Subject J: Code of Conduct Policy

Secretary Valentino moved, seconded by Trustee Shafar, that the Board approve the proposed updated Code of Conduct Policy.

On a voice vote, the motion passed

2. Proposal from KI Furniture

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Weiland, that the Board approve the proposal from KI Furniture for High School Hub in the amount of **$46,365.63.**

AYES: Burns, Catania, Maternowski, Shafar, Valentino, Vitale, Weiland
NAYS: None

3. Proposal from Library Furniture International (LFI)

Trustee Vitale moved, seconded by Trustee Weiland, that the Board approve the proposal from LFI for High School Hub in the amount of **$52,743.92.**

Discussion: Trustee Shafar expressed concern regarding the amount of money being spent on furniture for the new High School Hub, noting the lack of metrics on how well-received the space will be. In response, it was explained that the budget covers more than basic tables and seating—it includes booths, collaboration areas, lounge chairs, a gaming nook, and a desk for the Teen Librarian. Trustee Catania and Mary Kay personally viewed and tested the furniture at the ALA Conference, noting that it is specifically designed for high school students, built to last, and chosen to be appealing and comfortable so teens will actively use and claim the space as their own. Additionally, in response to an inquiry regarding room capacity, it was noted that the space can hold up to 60 people.

7. Committee of the Whole Meeting

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was not scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Catania moved, seconded by Secretary Valentino, that the Board adjourn the Regular Session Meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Valentino, Secretary