Indian Prairie Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
September 16, 2026

Budget & Appropriations Hearing
September 16, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

A. Call to Order and Statement of Purpose – Vice-President Palmisano called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab, Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski. Absent: Christina Rodriguez. Palmisano stated that the purpose of the hearing was to provide the opportunity for public comment on the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance and reviewed the Legal Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Doings on July 30, 2026.
B. Public Questions/Comments – none
C. Closing of Hearing – Palmisano closed the hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
September 16, 2026 – 7 p.m.

A. Roll Call
Vice-President Palmisano called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Secretary Wahab called the roll. Present: Donald Damon, Marian Krupicka, Stacy Palmisano, Themis Raftis, Victoria Suriano, Samia Wahab
Absent: Christina Rodriguez
Staff Present: Laura Birmingham, Kristen Lawson, Maria Wlosinski, Amy Merda
Others: none

Vice-President Palmisano asked for additions and/or corrections to the agenda. There were none.

B. Mission Statement: Secretary Wahab read the library mission statement. We enrich our community by providing opportunities to explore, connect, learn, and create.

Vision Statement: Secretary Wahab read the library vision statement. People are inspired and empowered. Dreams are developed and realized.

Values Statement: Secretary Wahab read the library values statement. We value and respect the individual. We empower and guide each visitor. We aspire to bring people together.

C. Public Comment

D. Communications and Announcements
1. Thank You from DuPage County Health Department re: Operation Dropbox
2. Keyes to Birmingham re: IPLAR

E. Omnibus Consent Agenda
   1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, August 19, 2026
   2. Action on Bills/Additional Bills
   3. Ordinance #2026-4 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for FY 2026/27
   4. Estimate of Revenues FY 2026/27

   Krupicka moved, Suriano seconded to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Items Deleted from Omnibus Consent Agenda - none

G. Library Director's Report

Representative La Ha attended the DMV Mobile event and thanked us for hosting it. The Board agreed that the event filled a great community need.

H. Department Reports

Lawson noted that August was a tough month on the Technology side due to factors beyond our control. Staff did a great job handling a very stressful month. We found out on August 25th that the Village of Willowbrook is not renewing our Intergovernmental Agreement for snow removal. Lawson has reached out to several vendors for quotes – to date, she has received one quote and it was very high.

I. Staff Report – Head of Programming & Outreach, Amy Merda, gave an overview of our 2026 Summer Reading. She was excited to report that we had a record-breaking summer with higher numbers than some of the larger libraries. There was a 13% increase in log turn-ins. We had 3100 participants including 1541 kids, 333 teens, and 1226 adults. This year we gave teens their own log. Our marketing department introduced something new to our summer reading promotion campaign – cool yard signs that included a QR code were placed throughout our community. We gave away thousands of dollars' worth of free food coupons including Zazzo's, Portillo's and Culver's, and we increased our grand prizes from 4 to 13. Summer programming highlights included a Community Planting Party, our Mid-Kids Gardening Club, and a visit from CLEAR (Chicagoland Exotic Animal Rescue). Our popular Family Nights included a Tye Dye Night with 185 in attendance and 100 people attended our Touch a Fire Truck Event. Our staple Reading Buddies and Mission Math programs provided incentives to kids over the summer. And let's not forget our adults – they enjoyed field trips to Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve and to the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, a historical lecture with Leslie Goddard, a group reading of the Declaration of Independence, and our 2nd annual puzzle competition. Community outreach highlights included our participation in the July 4th parade, National Night Out, Hinsdale South Back to School Bash, and Anne M. Jeans School Summer Camp. Staff also visited 3 senior living facilities and attended the ALA Conference. We had 65 Summer Teen Volunteers provide 677 hours of service. Teen Librarian, Aron Ryan, did a great job structuring the sign-up and orientation. Merda and the Board commended staff for all their hard work. The Board loved the yard signs and said that all the marketing was amazing.

J. Reports
   1. Treasurer's Report – backup in packet.
   2. Building and Grounds Committee – no report
   3. Finance Committee – no report
   4. Planning/Outreach Committee – no report
   5. Policy Committee – no report

K. Unfinished Business - none

L. New Business
1. Executive Director Review – The packet contains key dates and tasks pertaining to the upcoming review.

M. Scheduled Meetings - none

N. Adjournment
At 7:50p.m. Damon moved, Suriano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Damon, Krupicka, Palmisano, Raftis, Suriano, Wahab. Nayes: none. Absent: Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

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Samia Wahab, Secretary