

**The Board of Library Trustees of  
The Fox Lake Public Library District  
Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois**

**Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Secretary Swiss. Present and answering roll call were Trustees Cook, Kahling, Piklor, Swanick, Swiss and Vanco. Present at the meeting were library staff members Melissa Villarreal, Han Song and member of the public Diane Surr. Trustee Vanco attended the meeting via Zoom and left the meeting at 7:36 PM.

**APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE**

Trustee Swiss made a motion to appoint Trustee Swanick as President Pro-Tempore for the February 17, 2026, board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Vanco and passed on the following vote: AYE: 6 (six) – Trustees Cook, Kahling, Piklor, Swanick, Swiss and Vanco; NAY: 0 (none); ABSENT: 0 (none); ABSTAINING: 0 (none).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 16, 2025, regular board meeting was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, Trustee Piklor moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cook and passed on the following vote: AYE: 6 (six) – Trustees Cook, Kahling, Piklor, Swanick, Swiss and Vanco; NAY: 0 (none); ABSENT: 0 (none); ABSTAINING: 0 (none).

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed by the Board of Library Trustees. Following discussion, Trustee Swiss moved that the report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanick and passed on the following vote: AYE: 6 (six) – Trustees Cook, Kahling, Piklor, Swanick, Swiss and Vanco; NAY: 0 (none); ABSENT: 0 (none); ABSTAINING: 0 (none).

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The Trustees were given the Director’s Report detailing the activities of the library and spreadsheets outlining staff members’ continuing education and programming details.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (items for board action)**

- a. Appointment of Trustee** Following discussion, Trustee Swiss moved to appoint Diane Surr to the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Piklor and passed on the following vote: AYE: 6 (six) – Trustees Cook, Kahling, Piklor, Swanick, Swiss and Vanco; NAY: 0 (none); ABSENT: 0 (none); ABSTAINING: 0 (none).
  
- b. Surveillance System Proposals** Following discussion, Trustee Piklor moved to approve the proposal for the surveillance system by Alarm Detection Systems, Inc. upon check by the library attorney. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanick and passed on the following vote: AYE: 6 (six) – Trustees Cook, Piklor, Surr, Swanick, Swiss and Vanco; NAY: 1 (one) – Trustee Kahling; ABSENT: 0 (none); ABSTAINING: 0 (none).
  
- c. Miscellaneous (discussion only)** There were no miscellaneous items.

**NEW BUSINESS (items for board action)**

- d. Johnson Controls proposal** Following discussion, the board of library trustees requested the proposal be sent to the library’s attorney for review.
  
- e. Miscellaneous (discussion only)** Director Villarreal informed the board of library trustees of a student led walkout at Grant High School on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The students were protesting the presence of ICE and their route would take them directly past library grounds.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Swiss moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanick and passed on the following vote: AYE: 6 (six) – Trustees Cook, Kahling, Piklor, Surr, Swanick and Swiss; NAY: 0 (none); ABSENT: 1 (one) – Trustee Vanco; ABSTAINING: 0 (none). The meeting was adjourned by President Pro-Tempore Swanick at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Swiss, Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Fox Lake Public Library District, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois, at their regular meeting of March 17, 2026:

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Carolyn Vanco, President  
The Board of Library Trustees of  
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