

BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex – June 18, 2026
232 West Sixth Street, Beaumont, CA. 92223

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – M. Coleman, M. Garcia, S. Aguilar-Martinez, S. Mitchell, K. Van Valkenburg,
L. Dickinson
ABSENT – C. Carr
GUESTS – None

REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA – Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION: (Aguilar-Marinez/Garcia) to approve the Minutes as presented. (4-0-1)

2. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

None.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported that the move into the new addition that was scheduled to begin on July 16 may be delayed until August 4. Efforts are being made to shorten the delay period but the Library will stick to the already announced closing date of July 3 and there will be plenty of work for staff to do in preparation for the move. It was noted that the Laura May Stewart Foundation will be awarding \$3,000 to the Library toward our historical wall mural. Ms. Van Valkenburg will be accepting the grant at a ceremony on June 23.

- A. **General Ledger Report** – As usual, a significant amount of tax revenue was received in May. The CLASS subaccount for the Building Forward grant is down to its last dollar and will be closed soon. Construction costs were higher in May because there were payments for two months. We will use bond funds until they are exhausted for future payments.
- B. **Activity Summary Report** – Digital resources continue to be popular though there is concern about the cost of Hoopla, which comes with a charge for each checkout. The use of public computers is higher than during the same period last year, likely because of our recently purchased new equipment. The Director announced that a new statistical report will be in place beginning with the new fiscal year in July.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT & CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The Director Emeritus gave a PowerPoint presentation on progress with the building expansion. Included with the construction highlights were views of the Cherry Festival Parade, our booth at the Cherry Festival in partnership with the San Geronio Pass Historical Society, a presentation about the history of Beaumont Library District for the Solera community's History Club, and a site visit by the California Special Districts Associations representative Chris Palmer. Key accomplishments since May were the installation of a skylight above the new east entrance, curb work throughout the parking areas, a wall around the south entrance and down a ramp to the California Avenue sidewalk, the equipping of restrooms, and further work with cabinetry, ceiling tiles, etc. The big issue will be how soon exterior doors and windows can be installed. The Director said that a "sneak peek" tour of the new addition for community leaders is scheduled for August 28 at 4 p.m. There will also be a promotion to lessen the number of books that staff will need to move by encouraging patrons to check out large numbers of books with prizes to be given out for certain levels. Those who take out fifty books will gain early entry to the Grand Opening on September 1 at 8:30 a.m. instead of the 9 a.m. time for the general public.

B. 11-MONTH REVENUE REPORTS

The Director Emeritus reviewed the income numbers through the month of May. He pointed out that the 5-year graph of month-by-month tax revenue showed a slight increase in May but is below the double-digit growth experienced in some of the previous years. Nonetheless, tax income is up about 6% year over year. If our new impact fees are included, that puts the number up to about 8%.

C. FY27 BUDGET FINAL REVIEW AND RESOLUTION 109

Ms. Van Valkenburg stated that the final FY27 budget being presented was little changed from last month. The May CPI report for the Riverside Area, included in the Board packet, showed inflation over the past twelve months at 3.4%, which is in line with the 3% cost-of-living adjustment for staff built into the budget. The \$650,000 transfer from the General Fund into the Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund during FY26 is sufficient to handle the debt payments during FY27 and the \$650,000 transfer from the General Fund into the ACO fund scheduled for early 2027 will cover the debt payments during FY28.

MOTION: (Aguilar-Martinez/Mitchell) to approve Resolution 109 authorizing the Director to use funds transferred into the Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund to meet bonded indebtedness payments for FY27 and FY28. (4-0-1)

MOTION: (Mitchell/Garcia) to approve the FY27 budget as presented. (4-0-1)

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: (Mitchell/Aguilar-Martinez) to go into closed session at 7:10. (4-0-1)

The Director and Director Emeritus left the building during this portion of the closed session.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code section 54957; Title: Director Emeritus

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code section 54957; Title: Director

C. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6;

Agency Designated Representative: Margaret Coleman

Unrepresented Employee: Director

The Director and Director Emeritus returned to the building at 7:32 during this portion of the closed session. The meeting returned to open session at 7:33 with no action taken.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. BUSINESS HUB OFFICE LEASE

The City of Beaumont is offering to lease an office space at the Pass Area Business Hub to the Library at the rate of \$1 per year. We will be providing workforce development services, including job search and resume building assistance through our Librarian by Appointment program.

MOTION: (Aguilar-Martinez/Garcia) to approve the lease with the City of Beaumont for office space at the Pass Area Business Hub at \$1 per year. (4-0-1)

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Van Valkenburg announced that a second horseshoe had been found buried on the job site. She used some aerial photos provided by Mary Daniel for the historical mural. Her vacation plans include a trip to Mexico from July 24 to July 27.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

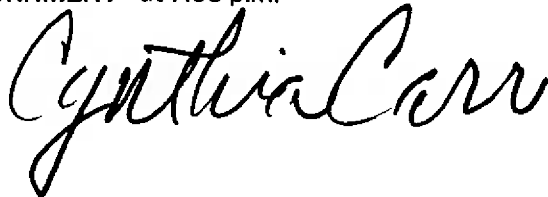
Questions were asked about the financial training required by SB 827. Online training opportunities are available. It was noted that Board members are eligible to attend one day of the CSDA Conference for free in Palm Desert this August.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:



DATE:

