

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Innovation Center at Rockbridge County High School
143 Greenhouse Road, Lexington, VA
February 27, 2025 10 AM**

The Rockbridge Regional Library Board of Trustees met at the Innovation Center at Rockbridge County High School on February 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Present: ☑Mary Jo Brinkley, ☑Alexandra Brown, ☑Harper Donahoe, ☑Melanie Forde, ☑Sharyn Billings, ☑Bob Kramer, ☑Sherri Wheeler, ☑Jessi Whipple, ☑McKinley Williams

Absent: ☐Thomas Bell, ☐Tim Eldredge, ☐Bret Kampf

Staff present: were Julie Goyette, Library Director, Debi Ratliff, Adult Services System Manager, and Janice Burguières, Office Manager.

Tom Camden, RRLS Foundation Board President, was also present.

Harper Donahoe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Kathy Burant, Rockbridge County School Board Chair, welcomed the board to the Innovation Center at Rockbridge County High School. Robyn Sherman, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, led the board on a tour of the facility.

Mission Moment

Debi Ratliff spoke about the Career Online High School program. The program recently celebrated the first graduation. Debi gave highlights from the graduation ceremony, including the speech Harper Donahoe, Chair, and a song by Dan Pezzoni, Library Assistant.

The board meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM in order to begin the board retreat.

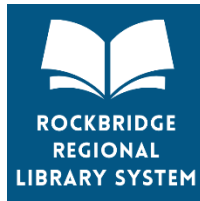
The board meeting was called back to order at 1:30 in order to complete the items on the meeting agenda.

Sharyn Billings made a motion to approve the agenda. Alexandra Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharyn Billings made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2025 meeting. Sherri Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Board members read comments from the public comment cards. Public comment cards are available to patrons and visitors at each location and on the bookmobile. Harper Donahoe



also read an email that he sent Julie Goyette regarding his experience with the Career Online High School graduation.

Foundation Update

Tom Camden gave an update on the Foundation campaign. The total for the annual appeal is \$45,549. The Foundation voted to approve an annual allocation to the library of \$102,666.

Questions regarding board packet

There were no questions regarding the board packet. Two grammatical errors were pointed out and will be corrected.

Discussion and announcements

Julie presented the board with Regional Contract Agreement. The localities want to have the agreements executed by April 1, 2025. Melanie Forde requested that the board postpone voting on the agreement until the March meeting.

Julie reported on the budget hearing for Rockbridge Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors requested some adjustments to the budget and expressed interest in assisting the library with renovations needed at the Lexington branch.

Bob Kramer stated that the library board should send a letter regarding the Innovation Center to the local governing bodies expressing the board's positive impression of the center and its programs. Harper Donahoe will send thank you letters to the high school staff expressing the board's gratitude for their assistance with the retreat.

Adjournment

Sharyn Billings made a motion to adjourn. Sherri Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2025 at 4:15 PM at the Lexington branch of the Rockbridge Regional Library. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Burguières
Recording Secretary