

**Kalamazoo Public Library**  
*OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES*  
*PUBLIC MEETING*  
Date: January 5, 2016  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Central Library Board Room

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL:**

Present: Robert Brown, Bruce Caple, Lisa Godfrey, Cheryl TenBrink, James VanderRoest, and Valerie Wright

Absent: Kerria Randolph

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Caple called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

The agenda was approved.

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**I. RECOGNITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS**

*A. Resolution to Request Veto of Senate Bill No. 571*

Recommendation: Director Rohrbaugh recommended the Board adopt a resolution requesting the governor veto Senate Bill No. 571 and return it to the state legislature for reconsideration.

Executive Summary: The state legislature recently passed Senate Bill No. 571 which, among other things, prohibits libraries and other governmental entities from sharing information about millages within 60 days of an election.

MOTION: L. GODFREY MOVED AND J. VANDERROEST SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE GOVERNOR TO VETO SENATE BILL NO. 571 AND RETURN IT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

Discussion: President Caple shared a recent correspondence from Richard Atwell which read, "Unfortunately, I'll not be able to attend the special meeting because of an out of town obligation. However, the reason for your meeting is of great importance. If I were able to attend the meeting, I would take advantage of the opportunity to address the board and urge you to strongly object to the language and intent of Senate Bill 571. I can't imagine what good would come of such legislation, especially given the role of public libraries to inform and instruct the citizens about their communities. Barring the free dissemination information is appalling."

**Roll Call Vote:** L. Godfrey – yes; V. Wright – yes; C. TenBrink – yes; R. Brown – yes; J. VanderRoest – yes; B. Caple – yes

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**II. PERSONS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one addressed the Board.

**III. COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES**

- L. Godfrey had no comments.
- V. Wright stated she was pleased that the Board was able to meet for the purposes of adopting the resolution.
- C. TenBrink had no comments.
- R. Brown stated he was pleased to be able to participate in the adoption of the resolution.
- J. VanderRoest congratulated President Caple on presiding over the shortest Board of Trustees meeting in recent memory.
- President Caple expressed his satisfaction with the recent New Year's Fest events held at the Library and thanked F. Howe and staff for their efforts.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objection, President Caple adjourned the meeting at 5:06 P.M.

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Robert Brown  
Secretary