

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM
System Office Lawrence, KS
March 17, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Kansas Library System was held in the System office of the Northeast Kansas Library System in Lawrence, KS on March 17, 2011. President Emily Baker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The President called for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

M.E. Grosdidier provided an Irish greeting to open the meeting and the Board then did introductions.

MOTION: M. E. Grosdidier moved that the consent agenda be accepted as printed. This includes the February 17, 2011 Executive Board meeting minutes, the February 2011 financial reports, and the March 2011 warrants in the amount of \$256,356.98. Pam Tull seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Minges presented his Director's report. He had four main items of discussion.

- 1) The nominating committee will meet after the Executive Board meeting.
- 2) Road construction will begin on 6th Street in Lawrence in May 2011. Board consensus was to continue meeting at the System offices through the summer construction.
- 3) The migration of NExpress away from PTFS was "messy". PTFS had server problems and provided incomplete data. The NExpress team is working to correct the problems.
- 4) The Kansas House has a bill introduced in the Appropriations committee to eliminate Kan-ed. This legislation was a surprise and Mr. Minges will keep the Board apprised of the progress of the bill. Mr. Minges stressed the importance of discussing the bill with legislators.

The other monthly reports were accepted as printed.

A building purchase agreement was the first item of business. Mr. Minges has a purchase agreement that has been sent to an attorney for review. If the Board approves the purchase, Mr. Minges will sign an agreement that is mutually acceptable. Financing will involve a quit claim deed and a mortgage suitable with cash basis law. Mr. Minges anticipates financing to be between \$450,000 and \$500,000.

MOTION: Wade Edwards moved that the building purchase as outlined by Mr. Minges be approved as presented. Ken Woods seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The second item of business was the 2010 Annual Financial Reports.

MOTION: Roger Gormley moved that the 2010 Annual Financial Reports be approved as presented. Laurie Wilson seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The 2012 System plan and budget was presented for discussion. Mr. Minges reviewed the System Plan that will be up for approval and the annual Spring System Board meeting on April 21, 2011.

The fourth item of business was a discussion of future library participants in the NExpress catalog. After 2012, Mr. Minges does not anticipate adding great numbers of public libraries. LSTA grants in past years were only for automation of public libraries, but in the future, the grants will be opened to include other types of libraries. Mr. Minges asked the Board to discuss if it was permissible to allow other types of libraries to join NExpress. Board consensus was that a cap on membership was desirable to maintain performance levels, but that all types of libraries were welcome to participate.

The public library accreditation and grant program was the fifth item of business. Mr. Minges provided a tentative committee roster to the Executive Board. This group will review and recommend 2012-14 accreditation standards for NEKLS members. Mr. Minges provided a historical background of the NEKLS grant and accreditation program. Board consensus was that standards should pursue the same governance directions but with more clarity in the wording.

The sixth item of business is the 6 by 6 reading readiness program. This is a national reading readiness program that was revamped specifically for public libraries by the Johnson County Library. There is a element of outreach along with current skill development. This is a good collaborative opportunity and the State Library is developing it into a statewide program with enthusiastic support from the Governor and legislators.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Executive Board will be held April 21, 2011, prior to the 2011 Spring Assembly, at 8:30 a.m. in Holiday Inn Convention Center in Lawrence, Kansas.

Marilyn Daniels, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Roger Gormley	Doniphan County	Thad Hartman	Shawnee County
Laurie Wilson	Nemaha County	Kim Beets	Wyandotte County
Leslee Bowers	Jackson County	M. E. Grosdidier	At-Large Schools
Wade Edwards	Brown County	Steven Gromatzky	Atchison County
Marilyn Daniels	Governor's Appointee	Pamela Tull	At Large - Academic
Barbara Blachley	Miami County	Alice Smith	Osage County
Emily Baker	Johnson County	Barbara Pressgrove	Douglas County
Kelley Weber	At-Large	Jim Minges	NEKLS
John Duty	Jefferson County	Laura DeBaun	NEKLS