

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM OFFICE  
LAWRENCE, KS  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 September 15, 2011. President Kelley Weber called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

MOTION: M. E. Grosdidier moved that the consent agenda be accepted as presented. This includes the August 18, 2011 Executive Board meeting minutes, August 2011 financial reports, and the September 2011 warrants in the amount of \$233,018.56. Leslee Bowers seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Minges presented his Director's report and discussed NExpress best practices. A committee examined all the issues ranging from maintaining local hold to totally open sharing. A statement was drafted and presented to the NExpress users group. The statement was adopted by the users group.

The other monthly reports were accepted as printed.

The first item of business was the accreditation of the Osawatomie library. Mr. Minges reported on a conversation he had with the Director, Elizabeth Trigg. The Library Board has turned over decision-making to the City government via an inter-local contract. The Director will include documentation with the accreditation application.

The second item on the agenda the Book Festival on September 24, 2011 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Director from the Southeast Kansas Library System and NEKLS staff will be participating in a booth exhibit. Governor's appointees and Executive Board members can volunteer to participate as well.

Broadband internet service was the third item of business. Mr. Minges reviewed the history of internet service in NEKLS libraries and the current level of broadband service at those libraries. Mr. Minges provided data that compared the current levels of service with the proposed broadband standards.

The fourth item of business was information from Mr. Minges on e-content. Mr. Minges provided a current list of the databases in place after the 4 million dollar reduction in Kan-ed funding. He shared the information from the focus groups held in August 2011. NEKLS libraries are interested in pursuing consortial agreements, or a "buying club" for some databases. NEKLS staff is researching the possibilities.

As the fifth item of business, Mr. Minges discussed the Fulfillment project. Mr. Minges provided background information on how inter-library loan (ILL) is handled between libraries in Kansas. Fulfillment is an open source project being developed by Equinox which will be less expensive and work with the local library ILS. NEKLS will do the pilot project for Fulfillment in 2012. If the pilot is successful, NEKLS may possibly contract with the State Library to operate the system.

The final item of business was Board training on public library organization and taxation. Mr. Minges provided a map of the counties in the System with the individual library taxing districts (city, township, and district) defined. He then showed the areas that collect tax for the NEKLS levy and provided a percentage of the NEKLS taxes collected by county.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the NEKLS office in Lawrence, Kansas.

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M. E. Grosdidier, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Janet Perry	Leavenworth County	Pamela Tull	At Large - Academic
Marilyn Nolte	Nemaha County	Alice Smith	Osage County
Leslee Bowers	Jackson County	Thad Hartman	Shawnee County
Ken Woods	Franklin County	Steven Gromatzky	Atchison County
Roger Gormley	Doniphan County		
Emily Baker	Johnson County		
Kelley Weber	At-Large		
John Duty	Jefferson County		
M. E. Grosdidier	At-Large Schools	Jim Minges	NEKLS
Barbara Pressgrove	Douglas County	Laura DeBaun	NEKLS