

Jackson Parish Library Board
Jonesboro, Louisiana
Regular Board Meeting minutes – May 17, 2021

The Jackson Parish Library Board of Control met on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Jackson Parish Library for the regular monthly board meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Massey, Board President. Members present: Mrs. Essmeier, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Massey, and Mr. Chatham. Also present was the Library Director, Mr. Knox, Jonesboro Branch Manager, Mrs. Walsworth and Programming Specialist, Mrs. Gibson. Members absent: Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. Standley, and Ms. Crawley.

Mrs. Cooper led the invocation.

There being no public comments, the Board proceeded with the proposed Agenda.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 19, 2021 regular board meeting. Mr. Chatham seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to accept the financial and statistical data. Mrs. Essmeier seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Walsworth began her presentation to the board about the Children's Outdoor Museum. Mr. Knox recommended to wait on more information from Miracle Museum before a decision could be made.

Mrs. Gibson began her presentation and announcements for Summer Reading. Mrs. Gibson updated the Board about the upcoming Summer Reading kickoff and Summer programs.

Mr. Knox explained to the Board the recommendation from Mr. Coco to have a site survey done to gather information for his needs assessment. A quote was obtained by Riley Company. Mr. Chatham made the motion to accept the quote from Riley Company to perform a site survey on the Jonesboro branch property. Mrs. Cooper seconded. All yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Knox explained to the Board about digitizing the Library's microfilm and adding the Newspapers.com subscription. Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to send the microfilm and bound issues of The Jackson Independent to be digitized. Mr. Chatham seconded. All yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Massey made the motion to add a subscription to Newspapers.com. Mrs. Essmeier seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Knox informed the Board of the updates to the 2021 budget. Mrs. Essmeier made the motion to accept the new updates. Mr. Chatham seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Knox presented the Board with the engineering plans for the new bookmobile provided by Matthews Specialty Vehicles. He stated that everything looked good except for one minor change which was marked. Mr. Chatham made the motion to accept the engineering plans from Matthews Specialty Vehicles with the one marked change. Mrs. Essmeier seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Massey made the motion to allow the Director to advertise for bids on the old bookmobile. Mr. Chatham seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Knox updated the Board on the graphic design on the bookmobile. Mr. Knox also updated the Board on the repairs at the Chatham Branch by 318 Construction.

Mrs. Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chatham seconded. All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Carol Massey, Board President

Mr. Floyd Knox, Secretary