

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Keppler-Abbott, Kerber, Oppenhuis, Powers, Saller, Short, Wehling.

Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of January 20, 2026 were reviewed. Following review, Saller moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Oppenhuis.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Powers abstained

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Oppenhuis presented the Treasurer's Report & Financial Recap. Following review, Saller moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Keppler-Abbott.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Wehling moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$22,555.55 seconded by Kerber.

Keppler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Director's Report

-Storytime had 38 children over 2 weeks.

-There was a small water spot in the ceiling tiles. E2 Handyman Services looked at it and saw some condensation between the tiles and the 2nd floor. We will keep an eye on this.

-Kids' after-school programs will include a healthy, non-crumbly snack provided by the library.

Correspondence

The board received and accepted the letter of resignation from Rick Kerber, effective after the May board meeting.

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- no report

Housingkeeping- Thank you to everyone who comes to help clean.

Landscaping- no report

Schools-no report

Social- no report

General- no report

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- The Front Door Project was discussed. One bid was received from Preferred Window and Door in the amount of \$64,219.53. With the installation of the ADA-compliant doors, the library will need to be closed for one to two days. The specific dates will be determined at a later time.

After discussion, a motion was made by Oppenhuis and seconded by Sallers to accept the bid for the ADA-compliant doors for \$64,219.53.

Kepler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

New Business-The board reviewed two estimates from Merts, a division of Four Seasons, for the upstairs furnaces. Currently, only one of the two upstairs furnaces is operational. Both units are very old, and replacement parts are no longer available for repair. The estimated cost to repair one furnace is \$7,970.00, while the cost to replace both furnaces is \$15,540.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Short and seconded by Powers to replace both furnaces at a cost of \$15,540.00

Kepler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Short.

Kepler-Abbott-yes, Kerber-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Rick Kerber-Secretary