

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Keppler-Abbott, Oppenhuis, Saller, Wehling.

Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Appointment of New Board Trustee-Oppenhuis made a motion to appoint Janet Cellarius as a Trustee to serve for the remaining term of Rick Kerber. Seconded by Keppler-Abbott.

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

Motion passed.

Janet Cellarius was then sworn into office.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of May 19, 2026 were reviewed. After review, a correction was made to the Amazon credit line being approved for \$2,000, not \$1,500. With that correction, Wehling made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Oppenhuis.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

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

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$20,605.51 seconded by Cellarius.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Director's Report

-Storytime had 82 children over 3 weeks.

-The adult wooden star craft had 46 attendees.

-Jared the Juggler had 168 attendees.

-U of I will be sending us the small science lab bus and the longer natural history trailer on June 23.

-In honor of the 4th of July holiday, the library will have shortened hours on Thursday and Friday and will be closed on Saturday, July 4th.

Correspondence

Sharon Grigas sent a letter of resignation effective on June 30, 2026.

A letter was received from Alexi Giannoulis notifying the Board of a one-time grant award in the amount of \$11,541.30.

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- no report

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

Landscaping- no report

Schools-90 seniors graduated from high school.

Social- no report

General- none

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- The Main Front Entrance Project update. The new doors are finished and complement the building's design beautifully and enhance its overall appearance. In addition, they help ensure compliance with accessibility regulations by providing handicap-accessible entry. The total cost of the door replacement was \$64,219.53. Wehling made a motion to submit the final payment for \$32,109.77, seconded by Oppenhuis.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

New Business- Patio Carpet Replacement-The new doors differ in size from the previous doors, replacement of the adjacent carpeting will be necessary to ensure a finished and uniform appearance. Keppler-Abbott made a motion to remove the existing carpet, prep the concrete, and install the new carpet for \$1,959.81 from Beecher Floor Covering, seconded by Cellarius.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Parking Lot Resealing-After discussion, Oppenhuis made a motion to reseal the parking lot and repaint the yellow parking lines from Area Sealcoating, Inc for \$4,780.00, seconded by Saller.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Roof-The roof inspection was completed by Jim's roofing and the findings were presented to the Board. After discussion, Keppler-Abbott made a motion to repair the buckled plywood, replace 4 vents, and remove moss and mold with Jim's roofing for \$7,050.00, seconded by Wehling.
Cellarius=yes, Keppler-Abbott=yes, Oppenhuis=yes, Saller=yes, Wehling=yes
Motion passed.

CD-After discussion, Oppenhuis made a motion to open a CD with Midland States Bank for \$450,000 for 1 yr with an interest rate of 3.35%, seconded by Saller.
Cellarius=yes, Keppler-Abbott=yes, Oppenhuis=yes, Saller=yes, Wehling=yes
Motion passed.

Executive Session-Keppler-Abbott made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss staff evaluations and compensation at 7:59 P.M., seconded by Wehling.
Cellarius=yes, Keppler-Abbott=yes, Oppenhuis=yes, Saller=yes, Wehling=yes
Motion passed.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 8:44 P.M.

Keppler-Abbott explained that the Personnel Committee which included Oppenhuis and Wehling had met with Director Grosso and had the following recommendations for the new fiscal year.

Dawn Gess-Assistant Library Director-\$29.00 per hour
Michele Palmisano-Library Circulation Desk-\$21.25 per hour + up to 4 hours per adult program for work from home
Jennifer Kaczmarczyk-Children's Program Coordinator-\$20.70 per hour
Donna Muransky-Library Circulation Clerk-\$16.15 per hour
Julie Mackowiak-Library Circulation Clerk-\$15.50 per hour
John Engstrom-Handyman-\$40.00 per hour
Sonia Vincent-Knitting Teacher-\$23.50 per session
Michele Palmisano-Book Processor-\$4.25 per item handled at home
Vicki Squier-Accountant-\$9,200 paid quarterly
Jill Grosso-Director-\$7,600 salary adjustment for the revised job description, \$5,000 increase for a yearly total of \$67,000 with a one-time bonus of \$1,000, employee benefits will remain unchanged.

Saller made a motion to accept the salaries as presented, seconded by Wehling.
Cellarius=yes, Keppler-Abbott=yes, Oppenhuis=yes, Saller=yes, Wehling=yes
Motion passed.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Saller moved to adjourn at 9:46 P.M., seconded by Wehling.

Cellarius-yes, Keppler-Abbott-yes, Oppenhuis-yes, Saller-yes, Wehling-yes

Motion passed.

Sheila Oppenhuis

Secretary

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Motion passed.

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