

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**BUDGET HEARING/ADOPTION**

**Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 8:00 p.m.**

A Hearing followed by an adoption of the 2009 proposed budget was held on Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 8:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, New York 11023. [Agenda attached]

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Martin Sokol – President  
Andrew Greene – Vice President  
Linda Cohen – Secretary  
Marietta DiCamillo – Treasurer  
Janet Eshaghoff – Assistant Treasurer  
Anna Kaplan – Assistant Treasurer  
Norman Rutta

Also present:      Laura Weir – Interim Library Director  
                         Neil Zitofsky – Business Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Sokol called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and he thanked the members of the public for coming.

**BUDGET REVIEW** [copy of budget attached]

**Upon motion by Marietta DiCamillo, seconded by Linda Cohen, and after discussion, it was,**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library adopt the proposed 2009 budget as presented, for a total budget of \$8,136,400 of which \$7,824,000 is to be raised by taxation, and that a letter and a copy of the budget be sent to the Great Neck School District.

Business Manager Zitofsky reviewed this third and final draft of the 2009 budget which produced no increase in taxation.

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The differences between the second and third draft were identified as \$3,300 increase in the salary line to fill a four-hour per week vacancy in the Business Office and \$5,100 increase in Employee Benefits for employees' health insurance, totaling \$8,400. Based on the report from NYS Civil Service for 2009 received after the second budget workshop, the employees' health insurance budget line needed to be bumped up by another \$5,100. These two items added up to \$8,400. To offset this, \$5,000 was taken from periodicals and \$3,400 from the software lines of the Library Materials and Programs budget which allowed the proposed 2009 budget to remain flat.

Trustee Greene inquired whether or not there would be a discussion regarding the retained surplus. This item will be on the agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting, which the auditor will be attending. The Finance Committee will then come up with a recommendation to be presented to the Board.

Trustee Rutta inquired whether any of the surplus would be used to reduce the tax rate. A vote tonight on the budget would preclude a reduction to the tax rate because the proposed budget will be submitted to the School District the following day. The Business Manager was not given any directive at the prior two budget workshops concerning a cut in the tax rate.

Trustee DiCamillo assured everyone that the Board has an obligation to disclose the surplus and discuss it. To that effect, an article will appear in the Library's newsletter identifying the surplus and fully explaining how it came about.

The Board also has to address and come up with guidelines on how much of a surplus should be held over in unallocated funds.

Trustee DiCamillo thanked the Business Manager for the work that he put into the budget, the manner in which he operated and his congeniality.

*Public Comments: Karen Rubin, Ralene Adler, Marianna Wohlgemuth*

**VOTE:** Yes – 7 (Cohen, DiCamillo, Eshaghoff, Greene, Kaplan, Rutta, Sokol)  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Marietta DiCamillo and seconded by Linda Cohen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cohen  
Secretary

