

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING & PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
Tuesday, March 23, 1993**

The regular meeting and public budget hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on **Tuesday, March 23, 1993**, at the office of the Library on Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

Elayne Bernstein  
Jack Eber  
Jo Ann Farley  
Richard Fuhrman  
Muriel Kane  
Dolly Relkin  
Renee Zarin

Absent with prior notification: Arthur Lerner

Also Present: Ken Weil, Library Director  
Joe Latini, Assistant Director  
Arlene Nevens, Assistant Director  
Attendance Sheet Attached

**CALL TO ORDER**

President, Elayne Bernstein, called the public meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Bernstein asked for approval of the minutes of February 23rd and March 9th, 1993, copies of which had been distributed to each Trustee prior to the meeting. The following motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of  
February 23, 1993 be accepted as amended.

Motion made by Muriel Kane, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of March 9th 1993 be accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Mary Daniels to E. Bernstein 3-1-93
- b. Marianna Wohlgemuth to E. Bernstein 3-2-93
- c. Henry A. Garris to Board of Trustees 3-8-93
- d. Leila Mattson to Henry A. Garris 3-8-93
- e. Ken Weil to Marianna Wohlgemuth 3-16-93

All duly noted & commented on.

**COMMENTS**

Dr. Udow inquired about public comments on tonight's Agenda. Richard Boyle commented on his budget letter to the Board of Trustees dated March 8, 1993.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

After review a motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Richard Fuhrman, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees acknowledge receipt of the February 28, 1993 Financial Statements and adopt the payroll changes for the same period.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - In addition to his written report Mr. Weil reported on the following:

1. Because of the conversion from the old to the new circulation system, circulation statistics for February are not available. Samples of different types of statistics which the new system can produce were available for Board members.

2. Despite all our new signs, parking continues to be a problem. After much discussion it was the general consensus of the Board to try a towing sign warning people that their cars may be towed away.

3. Patrons now check out all audiovisual materials from the main circulation desk. There has been a saving in the number of staff hours in the AV department that has resulted in staff being transferred to various other departments to fill existing openings.

4. The online catalog will be available to the public by mid-April. An article informing the public of the new online catalog will be in the next issue of the Newsletter as well as in the local papers.

5. Due to the "Blizzard of 93", the Library was closed on Saturday, March 13th and Sunday, March 14th. Thanks to the efforts of our hard working maintenance staff, the Library was able to open Monday morning.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Meeting Procedures - At the last Board meeting Renee Zarin and Jo Ann Farley presented a proposed resolution for meeting procedures for the Board's consideration. After much discussion, Richard Fuhrman moved, seconded by Jack Eber, to amend the resolution as presented and to reverse section H & G. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 5 to 2.

Motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accept the Committee's Resolution on Meeting Procedures as amended, dated March 23, 1993, and to be included in the Board Policy Manual, Section B.

Ms. Bernstein extended her appreciation to the Committee for a job well done.

b. Report from the Steering Committee - Elayne Bernstein reported that the Committee has been reviewing a schematic design for the main building. The Committee is also focusing its attention on the building needs of the Lakeville and Parkville branches. Several Board members asked that the Committee speed up the process and get back to the Board as soon as possible.

c. Ad Hoc Committee- May 12th Proposition - Elayne Bernstein reported that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to inform the public about the proposition to create a School District Library. The Committee consists of Elayne Bernstein, Arthur Lerner, Muriel Kane, Dolly Relkin, with Jo Ann Farley as an alternate. Renee Zarin stated she is strongly opposed to the passage of this proposition and asked every Board member to urge the public to vote down the proposition. She said our task would be to convince the public to vote "yes" on the library budget and "No" for the proposition. Jack Eber also endorsed this position, stating that he believed that this proposition was never meant to serve the community and placing it on the ballot is an abuse and unwarranted and hopes that it will be withdrawn. He said that this proposition was not in the best interest of the citizens of Great Neck.

The following motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Muriel Kane, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library take a strong position in opposition to the referendum on the May 12th ballot to create a Great Neck School District Library.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Public Budget Hearing - Mr. Weil reviewed each category of the budget with explanations. The tax appropriation shows an increase of \$258,413, a 4.9% increase.

The following categories were reviewed with discussion:

### Revenues

Salaries	\$241,881 increase	7.5%
Furniture & Fixtures	\$500 decrease	-0.8%
Library Materials	\$16,350 increase	3.1%
Operations	\$2,050 decrease	-0.7%
Building Expenses	\$4,436 decrease	-0.9%
Vehicle & Transportation	\$2,400 decrease	-7.2%
Employee Benefits	\$12,932 decrease	-1.6%

Average estimated tax rate for 1994 is \$2.14, an increase of 12 cents.

Muriel Kane made the motion, seconded by Renee Zarin, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library adopt the proposed 1994 Budget in the amount of \$5,822,652. of which \$5,542,652. is to be raised by taxation, and that a letter and a copy of the Budget be sent to the Great Neck School District.

b. Surplus Equipment - Motion made by Muriel Kane, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, and carried unanimously, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees declare the attached list describing a vehicle and components of the old CLSI circulation system as surplus; and further that the Director be authorized to place a legal notice in the paper for the purpose of selling the equipment/vehicle to the highest bidder(s). (list attached)

c. Other - Richard Fuhrman stated that he would like a Board sub-committee to review Levels costs. Other Board members felt that while examining the details of the Levels operation is worthwhile, reviewing the costs of other services is equally important and deserved the Board's detailed attention. The Director will prepare information on Levels as the first library service to be reviewed with the Board in September.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Renee Zarin, seconded by Jack Eber the public meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Eber  
Secretary