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**Lapeer District Library
Special Meeting of November 1, 2018
Metamora Branch Library
Minutes**

18S.11.01 CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Watz, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

18S.11.02 ROLL CALL:

Jacquie Wilson	City of Lapeer	12/31/2018	Present
Charlotte Babb	County (Burnside Township)	12/31/2020	Present
Hill Kim	County (Hadley Township)	12/31/2019	Present
Gary Phillips	County (Deerfield Township)	12/31/2019	Excused
Karen Rykhus	Lapeer Township	12/31/2020	Present
Perry Valle	County (Metamora Township)	12/31/2021	Present
Janet Watz	Mayfield Township	12/31/2021	Present

Quorum is 4. There are 6 Board members present.

Also present are Melissa Malcolm, LDL Director and Pat Presby, recorder.

18S.11.03 ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mrs. Hill moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Rykhus. Motion carried.

18S.11.04 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18S.11.05 1. Building Project and campaign

18S.11.06 2. School Proposal

18S.11.07 By mutual consent, the two points of discussion were combined.

- There were two written memoranda submitted that provided more information for the decision-making of the board from the firm of Miller Canfield regarding Legal Considerations for Alternative Revenue Generation and Profit Making Activities and an opinion offered by Clare D. Membiela, Library Law Consultant. In addition, there was a phone consult with Anne Seuryneck, LDL's lawyer, who advised not to agree to anything until the cost is known.

Absent board member, Gary Phillips, submitted his thoughts via e-mail.

- Cost considerations for LDL are nebulous at best. Projecting a modest square footage cost for a lease agreement with LCS would still be money that is not in the budget. The current millage rate is not enough and it will have to be renewed with an increase in 2022. It would not only have to include an increase for operation of the library, but would need to include money for the lease of the building.
- At this point, can the LDL board move down the planning path with the ability to say no at any given point? The board agreed that that there must be a way out of the LCS plan—if accepted—at specified intervals.
- LCS's two planned Community Forums might provide a feeling for the community's willingness to accept LCS's plan. LCS should not say that LDL has agreed to be included in LCS's plan. While statistics indicate that Lapeer County's population trends warrant fewer schools, LCS's past decisions have caused uncomfortable speculation for their new plan. If the plan fails, then what does LDL do? Feedback from the two forums can be considered at the board's Special Meeting on December 6.
- The responses of other non-school entities involved in the plan (Credit Union, FLC, etc.) is still unknown to the LDL board. Is there a firm commitment from them at this time? This remains a key question.
- In order to retain a public library's identity, the library must be a separate building. There is firm Board agreement on this. Would LDL "give up" square footage in order to accommodate school needs and keep within their bond issue amount? LDL would want to use their own architect.
- It is still unknown what the LCS board members think of the strategic plan as concept or feasibility. Have they formally approved of the plan?
- It must be emphasized that the plan to join with the schools was not initiated by LDL and LDL did not ask to be put into the plan. In fact, LDL was never included in initial LCS planning. Focus groups considered the concept of a public library with the schools as "interesting."
- There were three key "musts" that the board must be assured of before moving forward with their decision making:
 1. The library must be housed in a separate building. This must be in writing. This is key to keeping a public library identity. A campus

concept might be acceptable. A public library on a school campus would be a selling point for the schools.

2. The cost of leasing from the schools must be known. This is very problematic and has to be addressed in a solid way. The completion of projected project, if the bond issue passes, would be 2024. Are we working in today's figures and what kind of a lease amount could LDL expect to pay? How much can the lease increase? The library would still need operating millage; would there be confusion on the public's part separating expenses of the schools and the public library?

3. Rules must be known. Rules for a school library and a public library are different. There is concern over security issues. (This was voiced by parents and teachers alike in LCS's initial focus groups.) Would LDL's public library rules and codes of conduct have to change?

- It was decided to send information of all key questions and concerns to members of the Vote Yes for a New Lapeer Library (VYNLL), encouraging attendance at LCS Community Forums held on November 12 and 28. The Lapeer Community Schools web page also has more information about the plan. VYNLL will meet on November 27 (between the Forum dates) to discuss LCS's Strategic Plan and the library's role in it. The opinion of VYNLL members is crucial to where LDL goes on from here.

18S.11.08 NEW BUSINESS: None

18S.11.09 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

18S.11.10 ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Hill moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Valle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p. m.

**Regular Meeting:
Metamora Branch Library
November 15, 2018
Finance Committee 5:00 p.m.
Full Board 5:30 p.m.**

**Special Meeting:
Metamora Branch Library
December 6, 2018
5:30 p.m.**