

**BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

February 13, 2026

A regular meeting of the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees was held on February 13, 2026 in the Richmond Room. In attendance were Lee Joyce (Chair), Jerry Hanauer (Treasurer), Lauren Saidel-Baker (Trustee), Kevin Brown (Alternate Trustee), Miriam Johnson (Director), and Caitlin Loving (Assistant Director). The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Absent: Catherine Rombeau (Alternate Trustee).

Secretary's Report—Minutes from the January 9, 2026 meeting were accepted and approved.

Motion: Lauren Saidel-Baker made a motion to approve; Lee Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report— Jerry Hanauer will send the Treasurer's report out via email.

Acceptance of Gifts—Miscellaneous donations - \$66.00.

Motion: Lauren Saidel-Baker made a motion to accept all gifts; Lee Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report – See attached.

Old Business:

Budget 2026—Miriam Johnson gave an overview of the planned budget cuts if the proposed budget does not pass at the vote on March 10th. Miriam Johnson also shared a proposed message to groups that meet at the library on a regular basis and a posting for the children's room regarding the summer interns and the junior librarian program if the proposed budget does not pass.

Public Restroom Project—Lee Joyce told the group that work needed to be done on a drain line in the public men's restroom in January. Miriam Johnson also shared information about the updated proposals for the public restroom renovations and there was a brief discussion of options. Miriam Johnson will contact the architect to get cost comparisons for the two approved options.

Landscaping and Trees Projects—Lee Joyce said that the dead trees have been removed from the back parking lot and new plantings will be considered as part of the landscaping plan. Lauren Saidel-Baker shared the proposed landscaping plan and the bid for proposals for the front entrance project.

Circulation Policy—Still waiting on attorney—Miriam Johnson contacted the town attorney again regarding the circulation policy updates.

New Business:

Staff Retirement—Miriam Johnson said that Diane Marshall is retiring in March and we will be having a small celebration for her.

Google Interior Views—Miriam Johnson met with someone whose company takes interior and exterior photos for Google Maps and thought it might be helpful to have professional 360 degree photos of the library.

NHLTA Conference: Lee Joyce mentioned that the 2026 NHLTA Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 27th.

Name Transfer for Trustee Accounts: There was a discussion of removing Jerry Hanauer from the accounts, as his term is up in March, and putting Lauren Saidel-Baker on the accounts as an additional trustee. They will also verify what names are currently on the accounts to ensure Lee Joyce is listed.

Motion: Lee Joyce made a motion to put Lauren Saidel-Baker's name on the Trustee accounts and remove Jerry Hanauer's name since his term is up; Jerry Hanauer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Richmond Room. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Johnson
Library Director

Caitlin Loving
Assistant Director