

**BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

**April 20, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Bedford Public Library Board of Trustees was held on April 20, 2026 in the Richmond Room. In attendance were Lee Joyce (Chair), Lauren Saidel-Baker (Trustee), Angela Baldi (Trustee), Catherine Rombeau (Alternate Trustee), Kevin Brown (Alternate Trustee), Miriam Johnson (Director), and Caitlin Loving (Assistant Director). The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**—March 6, 2026 Regular meeting of Library Board of Trustees and March 16, 2026 special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees.

**Motion:** Lauren Saidel-Baker made a motion to approve the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 regular meeting minutes; Lee Joyce seconded; Angela Baldi abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Lauren Saidel-Baker made a motion to approve the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 special meeting minutes; Angela Baldi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**— The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

**Acceptance of Gifts: Miscellaneous donations--\$20.00 (received from a patron at the polls)**

**Motion:** Angela Baldi made a motion to accept the donation; Lee Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report** — See attached.

**Old Business:**

**Public Restroom Project**—There was a discussion of the proposed bathroom project. Facilities Manager Peter Barbuto will attend a future meeting and give a facilities update.

**Landscaping – bids received**—Lauren Saidel-Baker gave an overview of the two submitted proposals for the landscaping project.

**Motion:** Lauren Saidel-Baker recused herself from the vote and Lee Joyce asked Alternate Trustee Catherine Rombeau to vote in her place. Angela Baldi made a motion to accept the bid from Landscape Plus for the landscaping project; Lee Joyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Strategic Planning**—There was discussion of embarking on a strategic plan for the library. Miriam Johnson will share resources about strategic plans, including examples from other libraries.

**Upcoming Policy Review: Bulletin Board Policy, Gallery Exhibit Policy, Library Display Policy, Library Program Policy, Request for Reconsideration of Program, Exhibit, or Display**—These policies will be available for review at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Leen Lecture with Lita Judge**—Angela Baldi shared that Lita Judge will be the Leen Lecture speaker on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

**Staff Training Day Lunch**—Miriam Johnson requested \$550.00 for Staff Training Day lunch on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Lee Joyce made a motion to approve funding for the Staff Training Day lunch for up to \$600.00; Lauren Saidel-Baker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meetings will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.; Monday, June 8, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.; Monday, July 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.; Monday, August 17, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.; Monday, September 14, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.; and Monday, October 19, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.; all in the Richmond Room. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Johnson  
Library Director

Caitlin Loving  
Assistant Director