

Approved Minutes of the
Chesterfield Township Library
Special Board Meeting
January 8, 2007

Library Board President Lt. Col. Harris called the meeting to order in the Chesterfield Township Library, located at 50560 Patricia Avenue, Chesterfield Township, Michigan at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Karen Campbell, Loraine DeMuyneck, Dr. Earl Hartman, Lt. Col. Kermit Harris, and Michael Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Colis from Miller, Canfield, William Schroer from W. J. Schroer Co., Dan Whisler from Penchansky Whisler, Jerry Hacala, Friends of the Library member, Marion Lusardi, Director and Marta Kwitkowsky, Assistant Director, Children's Librarian Chesterfield Township Library.

ABSENT: Alan Naldrett

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lt. Col. Harris, support by Loraine DeMuyneck to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

**AGENDA/
APPROVED**

Public Comments

None

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS/
NONE**

Approval of Consent Agenda:

No Consent Agenda for this special meeting

**CONSENT
AGENDA/
N/A**

Request to go into Closed Session

None

**CLOSED
SESSION/
NONE**

Old Business:

a. District Library

Dr. Hartman requested a letter from the Library attorney regarding wording on the proposed District Library Contract to be presented to the Township Board. Director Lusardi will contact Mr. Nykanen.

**OLD BUSINESS/

DISTRICT
LIBRARY**

New Business:

a. Thomas Colis, attorney, Miller, Canfield, outlined options for a ballot proposal to levy revenues for operating and building a library. The two options are:

- 1) Limited bond issue that asks the voters to approve one question. If approved the bonds would be serviced out of the library's general operating fund.
- 2) Unlimited bond that would require multiple questions to be placed on the ballot, 1) to establish and finance a district library, and 2) a separate question to levy a bond solely for the construction of a library.

Several board members asked Mr. Colis which ballot option would be more likely to pass and he said that in his experience, the Limited Bond question is more likely to pass. He also pointed out that an Unlimited Bond question runs the risk of having voters approve only one part of the proposal.

Trustees discussed both options and concurred that the 'limited bond' option would be better suited to the library's purposes.

b. William Schroer, WJSchroer Co. spoke regarding methods used to promote a favorable vote on bond issues, including support from the Library Board, staff and school systems, phone surveys and focus groups.

Dr. Hartman made the motion to use the services of Attorney Colis and his firm to prepare the bond issue. Support by Karen Campbell.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED

Public Comments:

Mr. Whisler stated it is important that the Library Board be the spokespeople regarding passage of a bond issue

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Karen Campbell, support by Lt. Col. Harris to adjourn at 7:55. p.m.

AYES: All
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED

Loraine DeMuyneck, Secretary

**BOND ISSUES
DISCUSSED**

**GETTING
SUPPORT FOR
BOND
ISSUE**

**BOARD TO
USE ATTY.
COLIS
SERVICES**

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS/**

ADJOURNMENT