

Beecher Public Community Library
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roll Call

Present: Keppler-Abbott, Oppenhuis, Powers, Saller, Short, Wehling.

Kerber-Absent

Also present were Director Grosso and accountant Squier.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of February 17, 2026 were reviewed. Following review, Saller moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Keppler-Abbott.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Oppenhuis presented the Treasurer's Report & Financial Recap. Following review, Oppenhuis moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Short.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

The Outstanding Bills were reviewed and updated. Following review, Wehling moved to approve payment of Outstanding Bills \$37,190.98 seconded by Powers.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Director's Report

-Storytime had 61 children over 4 weeks.

-Jill will look into getting the outdoor sign fixed. The controller is having an issue communicating with the sign.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Building/Grounds- no report

Housingkeeping- Thank you to everyone who comes to help clean.

Landscaping- no report

Schools-Sheila attended the IL Reading Conference in Springfield and provided the staff with a list of recommended books for younger children.

Social- no report

General- no report

Audience Participation-none

Old Business- The Front Entrance Project is on schedule.

New Business-Jill shared that the commercial liability insurance premium will increase by 10% next year, which is a standard adjustment for commercial insurance policies.

Tadpole's Landscaping submitted a contract to mow and trim the library grounds at \$57.50 per visit. Additionally, they will trim the bushes and remove the clippings for a one-time fee of \$495. A motion was made by Short and seconded by Oppenhuis to approve the proposal.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Wehling Lawn Care submitted a contract for lawn maintenance and grubs for \$360.20. The library has a credit from last year for \$79.00 so the price for 2026 would be \$289.90.

A motion was made by Saller and seconded by Powers to approve the contract.
Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

The library borrowing policy was reviewed. After discussion, Powers made a motion to allow the use of a driver's license, state ID, or student ID when checking out materials. Seconded by Keppler-Abbott.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

The library staff indicated a need for microphones for certain programs. After discussion, Wehling moved to approve the purchase of four microphones, a mixer, and five cables at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Powers.

Keppler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Announcements-

-Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Oppenhuis moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Short.

Kepler-Abbott-yes Oppenhuis-yes, Powers-yes, Saller-yes, Short-yes, Wehling-yes
Motion passed.

Sheila Oppenhuis
Secretary in the absence of Kerber.