



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Meeting Minutes By Kennedy Penk

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2026

12:00PM

Call to Order: 12:00pm by Vice President Bree Hutchison

In Attendance: Bree Hutchison, Beverly Posey, Teri Bruce, Father Mike, and Kennedy Penk.

Present via phone call: Sue DeGooyer.

Absent: None

Additions or Revisions to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, December 18th, 2025: Motion to approve the minutes from December 18th, 2025 made by Bruce, second by Posey. All approved.

Approval of Bills – December: Motion to approve December 2025 bill list by Hutchison, second by Bruce. All approved.

Staff Reports

- Directors Report: Kennedy verbally reviewed the written report. Discussed what a year 2025 was for the library. Other topics included the recently started legislative session, patron computer's are in compliance with state legislation, what was covered in the staff meeting, what has been on display in the library, impact of the water leak, various other repairs that need to be done within the library, update on why we haven't been receiving the Rapid City Journal and how that will be fixed, and the annual Public Libraries Survey will open January 21st thru March 31st.

Discussion Items

- Summer Reading Program – Discussed replacing the concert in Outlaw Square with a magic show hosted by Jeff Quinn for the Summer Reading Program. The Summer reading Program donation request letters were sent out to local businesses.
- Hoopla – Discussed the recent increase in Hoopla users, mainly coming from Spearfish. Data from 2025 and usage for January 2026 was reviewed. Options were discussed on what should be done if the cost becomes too much for the library to sustain. Kennedy will reach out to the Library Director in Spearfish to discuss what led to their decision to terminate their contract with Hoopla.

Action Items

- Second reading and adoption of the Policy Adoption and Review Policy.
 - Motion made by Hutchison, second by Posey. All approved.
- Second reading and adoption of the Materials for Reconsideration Policy and Procedure.
 - Motion made by Posey, second by Bruce. All approved.
- Second reading and adoption of the Board Game Lending Policy.
 - Motion made by Posey, second by Bruce. All approved.
- Election of officers.
 - Nomination and motion by DeGooyer to appoint Hutchison as President, second by Bruce. All approved.
 - Nomination by Hutchison to appoint Posey as Vice President. Motion by Bruce, second by Hutchison. All approved.
 - Motion to appoint Penk as secretary by Hutchison, second by Posey. All approved.
- Approve appointment of the selected new board member, with the term to begin January 2026, to December 31st, 2028, pending approval of the Deadwood City Commission.
 - Motion to appoint John W. Singer to the Library Board with term to begin January 2026, to December 31st, 2028, pending approval of the Deadwood City Commission by Bruce, second by Posey. All approved.

Adjournment: 1:00pm motion to adjourn by Bruce, second by Hutchison. All approved.

Comments

Next library board meeting: Thursday, February 19th, 2026, 12:00pm.