

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
1006 Sleater-Kinney S.E., Lacey, WA 98503  
September 29, 1977

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elmer F. Keiski, Chairman - Thurston County  
Donald M. Cox - Pacific County  
Alice Harris - Mason County  
Robert M. Baker - Lewis County  
Dorothy Voege - Grays Harbor County  
Ruth K. Schmidt - Member-at-Large

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Shirleen Johnson - Member-at-Large

STAFF PRESENT:

Louise E. Morrison, Library Director  
Virginia Barton, Assistant Director, Western Area  
Mary Stough, Assistant Director, Eastern Area  
Joy W. Ayres, Business Manager  
Michael Hedges, Supv.-Public Info. & Program./Serials Librarian  
Donna M. Schaan, Supervisor-Personnel Administration

Jane Dowdle Smith, Timberland Attorney  
Liane Bascou, Board Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

Lila Amos, Associate attorney of Jane Dowdle Smith  
Larry Yok, Ira F. Hurlburt & Co.

Chairman Keiski called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He stated that the express purpose of the special meeting was to approve a preliminary budget. Chairman Keiski said that the Board would then adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Chairman Keiski distributed to the Board copies of "Analysis of Initiative 335" which was prepared by Timberland's attorney, Jane Dowdle Smith, at the request of the Board. Mrs. Smith stated that the sponsors of the Initiative are saying that it is constitutional because it is taken right out of the Miller case, which is a 1973 case of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mrs. Smith has analyzed the Miller case, what its implications are, and some subsequent cases, and pointed out where the Initiative falls away from the Miller case. She has tried to point out that if the sponsors really want to protect juveniles and unwilling adults who do not wish pornography thrust upon them, it would have been easy to draft a decent piece of legislation. Mrs. Smith has attached to her "Analysis" a copy of Oregon's law which shows the kind of specific legislation that she thinks the Supreme Court is talking about in the Miller case. This present Initiative is a very vague, ambiguous, overly broad piece of legislation, which is going to cause litigation if it should pass. Mrs. Smith stated that she is satisfied that this Initiative would be extremely harmful to libraries.

The Board received copies of the 1978 Budget, Preliminary Estimate. Mrs. Morrison stated that as of this afternoon, she has received final assessed value figures from three of the five counties. The Department of Revenue found gross errors in utility values in both Thurston and Lewis Counties. Mrs. Morrison said she does

not expect the assessors to get to this for a few days. The Department of Revenue has not done its written sheet on how to calculate the difference in the distribution of the forest excise tax for 1978. There will be half as much in the reserve fund distribution and probably twice as much from regular distribution. The Timber roll itself has more than doubled in all five counties. This will bring in a great deal more revenue. The staff has tried to come up with a figure which the Board can comfortably adopt. There is no way to determine yet what the levy is going to be. To determine the levy, the district takes the dollar allowable amount and divides that by the total assessed value of the district to come up with the allowable levy. Once the allowable levy is determined, it will be multiplied times the timber roll to get the amount from the regular timber distribution. Mrs. Morrison said she has received an estimate from the Department of Revenue of the excise reserve fund of about \$146,000 next year compared to \$383,000 this year. However, she said that Timberland will receive more than double from the regular distribution, which will balance it out. Mrs. Morrison gave the Board the percentage relationships of each category to the total operating budget:

Personal Services	67.78%
Operating Costs	9.30%
Supplies	2.39%
Transportation	.65%
Library Materials	14.00%
Library Materials Processing	4.45%
Equipment	1.37%
Debt Service	.06%

This brings salaries and wages up to almost 3.5% more than this year's proportion. The rest of the percentages are pretty much the same as this year's; there is a slight decrease in the materials budget of about .1% and the processing is down about 2%. If Timberland does receive this much money, that is how staff sees spending it. This does allow for a general salary increase as well as for step increments and the added cost for unemployment insurance. It also allows for the additional medical insurance. A salary was cut out which is already authorized, but will be held vacant. Mrs. Morrison recommended that the Board adopt the lower 1978 estimate of \$2,686,676, which was cut down from the first 1978 estimate of 8/18/77 of \$2,803,936.

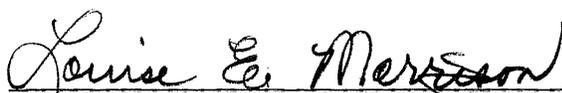
77-69 BOB BAKER MOVED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF FINAL ASSESSED VALUES, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS A MAXIMUM REVENUE FIGURE FOR 1978 OF \$2,686,676; DOROTHY VOEGE SECONDED THE MOTION AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Keiski directed Mrs. Morrison to certify this to the five counties.

Chairman Keiski said that an Executive Session is scheduled with Larry Yok, who has been hired to advise the Board in matters of employee negotiations.

77-70 DON COX MOVED THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN; DOROTHY VOEGE SECONDED THE MOTION AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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SECRETARY

  
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VICE CHAIRMAN