

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Olympia Timberland Library, 313 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501-9300

October 20, 1998

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Meyer, President; Art Blauvelt; Jean Davies; Bill Lawrence; Douglas Mah; Glen Nutter; Janelle Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Bette Anderson; Judy Covell; Margaret Epting; Tina Roose

President Meyer called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM  
NO.

1 Budget Update

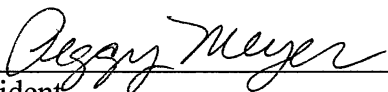
A "substantial needs" budget of 5.68% would fund the book budget at 16% and provide funding for youth services, replacement equipment and other services. The Implicit Price Deflator budget of .85% would provide sufficient funds for current staffing with step increases and increases for contractual expenses, but would reduce the book budget to 15.953% of the total General Fund budget.


Mr. Lawrence suggested that providing better access at small libraries (through more hours) might be more important than maintaining the 16% book budget. Ms. Covell expressed the effect of inflation on purchasing power. Mr. Blauvelt, Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Williams agreed that 16% was a minimum; they would prefer that the fund was greater, moving toward 20%. Thinking that the 16% budget for materials was for books alone rather than for all materials, Mr. Lawrence withdrew his suggestion. Mr. Blauvelt reinforced his desire that TRL participate in the state database contracts as a cost savings measure. Mr. Lawrence reiterated his desire to increase access at the small libraries, however it can be funded.

2 Executive Session

President Meyer called for an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(b) to discuss acquisition of real estate. The Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

  
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