

**Baldwinsville Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting – April 8, 2026**

PRESENT: Craig Maguire, President; Liz Bates; Frank Valchine; MaryAnne Williams; John Klimachefsky, Donation Fund Treasurer; Nancy Howe, Library Director; Dania Souid, Assistant Director; Patricia Baum, Bookkeeper.

Excused: Mary Lou Carpinella, Co-Vice President; Mary Schmutz, Co-Vice President; Pam Fallesen; Diane Natale, Secretary.

I. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Nancy Howe.

II. Conflict of Interest. None.

III. Disposition of March 11, 2026, Minutes.

Motion to accept minutes as written by Mary Anne Williams. Second by Frank Valchine. Carried.

IV. Donation Treasurer's Report.

Library Fund Balance as of March 1, 2026: **\$129,223.23**

Donations received:

- \$ 50.00 (unrestricted) from Scrapbook Club

One withdrawal for payment: Warrant 2025-2026 #9:

- \$47.45 (restricted funds): Reimbursement for CD player for RTG program

Dividends & Interest earned: \$379.90

Library Fund Balance as of April 1, 2026: **\$129,605.68**

Accounts breakdown

Seneca Checking Account	\$15,333.43
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Empower Savings Account	\$ 28.79
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Empower 24-month CD account at 3.50% APR, matures 10/30/2027	\$56,875.59
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Empower 15-month CD account at 4.50% APR, matures 7/19/2026	<u>\$57,367.87</u>
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Total:	\$129,605.68
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Motion to accept Donation Fund Treasurer's Report by MaryAnne Williams. Second by Frank Valchine. Carried.

Nancy Howe presented John Klimachefsky with a check for \$11,096.18. Baldwinsville Public Library was named a beneficiary in the estate of former BPL board member, Doris Cross. This donation is unrestricted.

- V. Bills: Donation Fund. Warrant 2025-2026 #10:**
\$8.58 (restricted funds): Reimbursement for children's library book about fire trucks (Emma Ortlieb fund).
- VI. Treasurer's Report-Public Fund. (Cycle 9).** Motion to approve Cycle 9 by Frank Valchine. Second by MaryAnne Williams. Carried.
- VII. Bills-Public Funds.** No questions. Motion to pay the bills by MaryAnne Williams. Second by Liz Bates. Carried.
- VIII. Public Comments.** None
- IX. Old Business Updates**
- Monthly energy use review**
- Both watts and therms are trending.
- 2026-2027 Construction Aid Grant.**
- The application has moved from the NYS Division of Library Development to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. We should hear what the award amount will be in late spring/summer.
- Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election**
- Motion to approve the list of Election Day volunteers submitted by Nancy Howe by Frank Valchine. Second by Liz Bates. Carried.
- Presentation by KC VerHage**
- This month Children's Librarian, KC VerHage, gave a brief presentation on the upcoming programs being offered during Summer Reading 2026. This included the Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Monday, June 29th, sponsored by Friends of the Library. Included in the festivities will be an ice cream truck with cool treats for up to 300 participants.

Ruth Connell Award/Staff Appreciation Day

- Motion to go into Executive Session to discussion the Ruth Connell Award nominees made by MaryAnne Williams at 6:30 pm. Second by Liz Bates. Carried.
- Motion to go out of Executive Session at 6:40 pm made by MaryAnne Williams. Second by Liz Bates. Carried.

X. New Business

Rescind Tax Cap

- Motion to rescind going over the 2% Tax Cap in the 2026-2027 BPL proposed budget made by Craig Maguire. Second by Frank Valchine. Carried.

XI. Director's Report

Facility update

- Chris Van Couer (BCSD Director of Facilities) has agreed to stripe the parking lot this summer.

Computer Theft

- Nancy Howe gave details regarding the theft of a public computer on Friday, March 13th. The computer was retrieved, undamaged and has been reinstalled. The young man responsible has been banned from the library in lieu of charging him with larceny.
- Bob Loftus purchased and installed Kensington locks for all public computers.

XII. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Liz Bates at 6:57 pm. Second by MaryAnne Williams. Carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Nancy Howe

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