## Approved at the Board of Trustees Meeting October 26, 2016



Venue: Eudora Welty Library, 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Mr. Rickey Jones, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**Present**: Mrs. Virginia Bailey, Mrs. Sue Berry, Ms. Ann Bittick, Mr. Chester Ray Jones, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mrs. Barbara Hadnott, Mrs. Ann Laster, Mr. Wayne McDaniels, Dr. Earline Strickland, Mrs. Rosalyn

Sylvester, Mrs. Maggie White

Absent: Mrs. Imelda Brown, Dr. Alferdteen Harrison

Announcement: Patty Furr, Executive Director, announced that Sue Berry has the prestigious award of Library

Champion of Mississippi, 2016. The award will be presented during the MS Library Association Annual

Conference in Vicksburg next month.

Minutes: August 24, 2016

(As amended)

Mrs. Berry made a motion, second by Ms. Bittick, to approve the Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting, Wednesday, August 24, 2016. Mrs. Laster requested the following amendment, second page, Committee Reports, deletion of the words 'and Mrs. Laster, member of the Policy Committee, reported that the Policy Committee would meet soon.' Mr. McDaniels challenged omission of

September 28, 2016 discussion during the Financial report. Mr. Jones moved to table the minutes until the Executive Session, second by Mr. McDaniels. The motion passed unanimously.

Administration Mr. Justin Carter, Assistant Director for Finance, presented the Finance Report for August 2016, the Reports: Check Register August 19 – September 21 2016, and the Gifts and Donations Report for August 2016.

> Mrs. Sylvester made a motion that the Financial Report be approved as presented, second by Mrs. Bailey. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bailey made a motion that the Check Register be approved as presented, second by Ms. Bittick. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bittick made a motion that Gifts and Donations Report be approved as presented, second by Mrs. Hadnott. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Brenette Nichols, Assistant Director for Human Resources, presented the Human Resources Report August 2016.

Dr. Strickland made a motion that the Human Resources Reports be approved as presented, second by Mrs. White. The motion passed unanimously

Mrs. Miao Jin, Assistant Director for Technical Services, presented the Technical Services report.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Sylvester, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a proposed slate of officers for FY2017 to be elected by secret ballot. However, nominations from the floor were proposed.

Mrs. Berry, second by Mrs. Hadnott, moved that the floor be open to nominations, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McDaniels moved to nominate Mr. C.R. Jones to the office of Chairman. Mr. C.R. Jones declined the nomination.

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## **Committee Reports** (continued):

Mrs. Hadnott, second by Dr. Strickland, moved to nominate Mrs. Sylvester to the office of Chairman. The motion passed unanimously, and Mrs. Sylvester was elected Chairman by acclamation.

Mrs. White, second by Mr. C.R. Jones, moved to nominate Mr. McDaniels to the office of Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously, and Mr. McDaniels was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Mr. McDaniels, second by Ms. Bittick, moved to nominate Mrs. Berry to the office of Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously, and Mrs. Berry was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Mr. McDaniels, second by Mrs. Berry, moved to nominate Mrs. Bailey to the office of Secretary, but Mrs. Bailey declined the nomination.

Mrs. Ann Laster agreed to hold the office of Secretary until the meeting of the Board in October at which time another Secretary could be elected.

The new Chairman will nominate committees.

Budget Committee: Ms. Ann Bittick, chair of the Budget Committee, moved that the FY2017 budget, as presented to the Budget Committee, be approved by the Board, second by Mrs. Bailey. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously with the provisos of a JHLS hiring freeze for non-essential positions and a reduction in public hours.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Jones presented a verbal report.

Executive Director's Mrs. Furr presented the Executive Director's report for August 2016.

Report:

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business to address.

**New Business:** 

Mr. C.R. Jones moved that the Annual Calendar be approved as presented, second by Ms. Bittick. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bailey moved that the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators partner with JHLS on programming and permit use of the meeting room without fee, second by Mrs. Berry. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McDaniels moved that the Staff Training Day be rescheduled from October 10, 2016, to December 16, 2016, second by Mrs. Berry. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McDaniels moved that the Board establish a committee: Mrs. Berry, Dr. Strickland, Mrs. Bailey, and Mr. McDaniels, to meet monthly to draft, in-house, the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan for JHLS, second by Mrs. Bailey. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bailey moved to approve staff travel to the MLA Annual Conference in Vicksburg October 18-21, 2016, second by Ms. Bittick. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Strickland moved to approve the purchase of a bookmobile, to be funded by the Board of Supervisors, second by Mrs. Sylvester. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bailey moved to move the November Board meeting from Wednesday, November 23 to Wednesday November 16, 2016, second by Ms. Bittick. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:** 

5:53 p.m. Mr. C.R. Jones moved that the Board needed to go into Executive Session for an update on pending litigation and to discuss the content of minutes of future Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniels and passed unanimously.

5:55 p.m. Mrs. Berry moved that the Board go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniels and passed unanimously.

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6:15 p.m. Ms. Bittick moved that the Board return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bailey and passed unanimously, no action having been taken by the Board in the Executive Session.

Adjournment: 6:18 p.m. Mrs. Bailey made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Bittick. The motion passed unanimously.