

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
August 17, 2026

Members

Alexandra Daniels Durham
Alan Girton
Stephanie Oden
Cathy Stover, Vice President
Nick Weicht

Others

TJ Rethlake*

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Executive Director
Doug Workinger, Chief Operating Officer
Rita Bates, Chief Financial Officer
Angie Garrett*
Ginger Hanny, Administrative Assistant
Trisha Shively
Aaron Smith*
Christie Tate*

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 4:30 p.m. with five members present. (Board members, Ms. Bates, Ms. Brautigam, Ms. Hanny, Ms. Shively, and Mr. Workinger attended in person. All others* attended via Zoom.)

There were no public comments in person or via Zoom meeting software chat.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports and agenda): Minutes of June executive session; Minutes of July meeting; July statistical report; July 14 – August 10 appropriations report; July financial report; July 14 – August 10 allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Durham, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the 2027 Budget Proposal/Approval to Advertise (see document), following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Oden, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the Hiring and Compensation Policy (see policy), following a motion by Ms. Durham and a second by Mr. Girton, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the 2027 Salary Resolution and Pay Ranges (see resolution), following a motion by Ms. Durham and a second by Ms. Oden, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, and Mr. Weicht).

The board approved the State Library Consortium for Internet Access Resolution (see resolution), following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Oden, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Durham, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, and Mr. Weicht).

The board discussed a committee to review the Executive Director's contract. Ms. Baker, current board president, and Ms. Durham will serve as the review committee. Mr. Weicht will serve as an alternate, if needed.

The board reviewed the SRP By the Numbers graphical report (see report) which captured statistics from this year's summer reading program Unearth a Story.

Ms. Brautigam announced that KHCPL was recently awarded the Lowe's Community Impact Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000. KHCPL South was one of three recipients selected in Indiana. The funds will be used to improve accessibility to the outdoor stage area and to beautify the butterfly and community garden areas. Ms. Brautigam expressed her appreciation for Trina Evans, who completed the initial grant request, and Melissa Wheelock, who assisted Trina in the final stages of selection process.

At 4:45 p.m., Mr. Girton assumed the role of acting president when Ms. Stover had to leave for another meeting.

Under Other New Business • Ms. Durham announced that Kokomo Schools would be appointing a new trustee at their next school board meeting.

Under Executive Director's Comments • Ms. Brautigam reminded the board that the September board meeting is at KHCPL Russiaville.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Alan Girton, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Ginger Hanny.]

The next library board meeting will be on **Monday, September 21** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL Russiaville.