

THE UNCLE REMUS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM
REGIONAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 30, 2011

The Regional Board of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System met at the Morgan County Administration Building, Madison, GA on June 30, 2011, at 1:15 p.m.

The following members were present:

- Greene County: no one present
- Hancock County: Kathy Ransom
- Jasper County: Carol McElheney
- Morgan County: Bonnie Hicky
- Putnam County: Pat Hone
- Walton County, Loganville: Ann Jones
- Walton County, Monroe: Sandra Shurling
- Walton County, Social Circle: Doug White
- Walton County, Walnut Grove: Don Cannon

Also present were R. Read Gignilliat, Attorney and J. Bruce Launey, Attorney, Julie Walker, Deputy State Librarian and Lamar Veatch, State Librarian.

Bonnie Hicky called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

Bonnie Hicky mentioned that the first item on the agenda was personnel and that it needed to be discussed in executive session.

Ann Jones motioned that the meeting go into executive session. A second motion was made by Doug White and the motion to move into executive session passed unanimously.

The Regional Board went into executive session.

When the Regional Board came out of executive session, Bonnie Hicky entertained a motion to move back into regular session. A motion was made by Pat Hone to return the meeting to regular session, a second was made by Kathy Ransom, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion 1: Bonnie Hicky asked for a motion to place Jeff Tomlinson and Tamela Thomas on non-disciplinary paid leave effective immediately until further notice pending the completion of a workplace investigation.

A motion was made by Sandra Shurling to place Jeff Tomlinson and Tamela Thomas on non-disciplinary paid leave until further notice pending a workplace investigation, a second was made by Don Cannon, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2:

Bonnie Hicky read a motion to retain Read Gignilliat as outside counsel on the recommendation of Charles Merritt, the regional board attorney and to move to hire an independent investigator recommended by Read Gignilliat.

A motion was made by Carol McElheney to retain Read Gignilliat and to hire an independent investigator, a second was made by Pat Hone, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3:

Bonnie Hicky asked for a motion to request assistance from GPLS to appoint an acting director.

A motion was made by Kathy Ransom to appoint an acting director, a second was made by Ann Jones, and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion4:

Bonnie Hicky asked for a motion to appoint a personnel committee to coordinate the investigation. The committee is to be made up of Sandra Shurling, Kathy Ransom, and Bonnie Hicky with Carol McElheney as an alternate. Julie Walker will act as the advisor to the committee.

A motion was made by Doug White to appoint the personnel committee to coordinate the investigation, a second was made by Ann Jones, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Hicky entertained a motion to adjourn. Doug White made the motion with a second from Kathy Ransom and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes were Prepared and Submitted by Ana Kadhum.