

Oswego Public Library
Board of Trustees Special Budget Meeting
April 16, 2020

1. **Call to order:** by Cathy Santos at 6:21 p.m.
Announcement: the public will be muted before and after public comment period
Attendance taken:
Board members present: Catherine Santos, Kathleen Mantaro, George DeMass, Mercedes Niess, Dr. Joseph Sgarlata, William Schickling, Heather Wallace
Others: Carol Ferlito (Dir. of OPL), Erin Lohnas, Monica Kahler, Erin Lohnas, Karen Swartz, Paul Swartz
2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion made by George DeMass, 2nd by Dr. Joseph Sgarlata, All in favor, None opposed
3. **Public comment period :** those present expressed interest in what was happening and were there to show support of the library.
4. **Budget report:**
The date of the vote has changed to June 1, 2020. Kathy M has been in contact with the Oswego City School District (OCSD) and NCLS regarding budget processes and procedures. There have been many discussions throughout NCLS and the Oswego School District to stay within the same budget as 2019/2020. In addition, a board member consulted with other libraries within NCLS and 3 board members attended the OCSD board meeting. Also reviewing the budgets was a certified accountant who volunteers her expertise to the library. Given all the information received, the board revisited the budget proposals. Per NCLS, options for the budget are:
 - a. Stay with the same budget as 2019/2020;
 - b. Exceed the tax cap, asking taxpayers for an increase;
 - c. Increase the budget staying below the tax cap
5. **Trustees Budget discussion:**
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Motion made by Bill Schickling for the following resolution, 2nd by Dr. Joseph Sgarlata. Resolve that the 2020-21 Library tax levy required to operate/fund the Oswego School District Public Library is a total of \$1,408,569.00 with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation thereafter until changed by a future majority vote of the electors of the Oswego City School District and shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes.
Amount reflects an increase of tax levy by \$23,075.00, an increase of 1.75% and \$17,882.00 below the allowed tax cap of \$40,957.00.
The board discussed the motion. There was a roll call vote. There were 3 votes yea, 4 votes nay, resolution failed.
 - b. Motion made by Dr. Joseph Sgarlata for the following resolution, 2nd by Bill Schickling. Resolve "that the 2020-21 Library tax levy required to operate/fund the Oswego School District Public Library is a total of \$1,334,525.00 with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation thereafter until changed by a future majority vote of the electors of the Oswego City School District and shall be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes"
This resolution for a total of \$1,334,525.00 is the same amount as the 2019/2020 budget

and does not reflect or include a monetary increase.

The board discussed the motion. There was a roll call vote. There were 7 votes yea, resolution passed.

7. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. made by Dr. Joseph Sgarlata, 2nd by George DeMass, All in favor, None opposed.