SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing for 2026 Budget Amendments
Hybrid Attendance—in person in the Library's Meeting Room and by Zoom
(access information provided at www.sjlib.org)
July 14th, 2026

1) Call to Order: President John Aschoff called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Members Present: Boyd Pratt, Karen Vedder, Barbara Sharp, John Aschoff, Cheryl Kringle

Staff Present: Laurie Orton, Anthony Morris, Heather Dima, Kasey Rasmussen

FOL Present: none

2) Visitors: Amy Saxe-Eyler, San Juan Island Community Foundation (SJICF)

3) Public Access: none

4) Agenda Approval:

MSC Barbara Sharp moved and Boyd Pratt seconded to accept the agenda as submitted. Carried.

5) Approval of Board Minutes of June 9th, 2026 Regular Meeting:

MSC Barbara Sharp moved and Boyd Pratt seconded to approve the minutes of the **June 9th, 2026** regular meeting as submitted. Carried. Karen Vedder abstained.

6) Friends of the Library (FOL)

Delegate to next FOL meeting: Boyd Pratt, Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, 3:30 to 5:30 pm, in the Library Meeting Room.

In the absence of an FOL Board Director, Anthony reported:

- The FOL board thanks all the Cakewalk donors. With over 100 donations of treats, they nearly doubled the amount of money made compared to last year.
- The Annual Book Sale is on August 1st. They are looking for volunteers and sawhorses to borrow.
- Boyd and Barbara volunteered to man a booth or poster station with the design concept posters, which will be borrowed for the day from the library.

7) SJICF Update

- Laurie and Amy finalized the renewed MOU yesterday.

- Amy attended a steering committee meeting to give a presentation about the comprehensive fundraising plan that was previously shared with the board.
- Discussions are being held between Amy, library staff, and board members about messaging, public outreach, etc. With the hire of a new development director at the SJICF, they plan to relaunch the private fundraising campaign between now and the end of the year.
- Amy discussed the SJICF's annual Cornerstone event to thank their donors. They've invited speakers from the three nonprofits that they have partnered with on capital campaigns (the library, the Home Trust, and Island Rec). Anthony will be our representative. The theme across the three capital campaigns is supporting future generations of islanders, noting in particular the way the three organizations work together to meet the needs of islanders, as well as highlighting a new generation of leadership.
- Amy invited any board members who are interested to an upcoming "Boards in Gear" training that the SJICF will be hosting.

8) Approval of Bills

The consent agenda included the following:

Bills dated June 9, 2026 in the amount of $30,224.00.

Bills dated June 9, 2026 in the amount of $16,680.17.

Bills dated June 23, 2026 in the amount of $18,015.12.

Bills dated June 23, 2026 in the amount of $2,500.00.

Bills dated June 23, 2026 in the amount of $2,537.31.

MSC Karen Vedder moved and Barbara Sharp seconded to accept the Consent Agenda for Expense Claims Transmittals as submitted. Carried.

9) Payroll

MSC Boyd Pratt moved and Karen Vedder seconded to affirm the **June 2026 Payroll** dated June 24th, 2026 in the amount of $137,292.87. Carried.

10) Reports

Director Report (Laurie Orton)
Laurie's written report was noted. Laurie also reported on the following:

- Laurie has signed two new estimates, from San Juan Surveying for approximately $1,500-2,000 and from Guard Electric for security camera installation for approximately $960.

Assistant Director/Adult Services Manager Report (Anthony Morris)
Anthony's written report was noted. Anthony also reported on the following:
- Anthony noted that he would love to see more applications for the library substitute opening and encouraged board members to advertise the position.
- We received multiple great applications for the Outreach Coordinator position, and Anthony is hoping to be able to announce a hire soon.

Youth Services Manager Report (Melina Lagios)
Melina's written report was noted.
- Laurie reported that a donor funded the state's portion of Washington's Dolly Parton Imagination Library program through June of 2027 for all participating libraries.

IT Administrator Report (Floyd Bourne)
Floyd's written report was noted.

Financial Report (Heather Dima)
Heather's written report was noted.

11) Public Hearing

President John Aschoff declared the Public Hearing open at 3:29 pm.

a) Budget Amendments
- Laurie explained that due to a procedural error, the resolution amending the 2026 budget that was passed at the June 9th, 2026 regular meeting needed to be rescinded and repassed. There were no changes to the budget amendments as presented at the June meeting.

President John Aschoff declared the Public Hearing closed at 3:30 pm.

b) Resolution #1-2026 – Amending 2026 Budget

MSC Boyd Pratt moved and Karen Vedder seconded to rescind Resolution #1-2026 Amending the 2026 Budget, dated June 9th, 2026. Carried.

MSC Barbara Sharp moved and Boyd Pratt seconded to accept Resolution #1-2026 Amending the 2026 Budget, dated July 14th, 2026. Carried.

12) Old Business

a) Staff Survey
- John distributed the draft survey to board members to test mechanics after incorporating their previous suggestions. The board agreed to distribute the survey to staff in September.

b) Road Map for New Library

- Laurie shared updates from the consultants. Leah Martin (Allied8) reported that work was delayed by more than a month while they were waiting for the Town of Friday Harbor to respond to their requests. Ravenhill Construction coordinated the scoping of utility lines this week, pro bono. After Allied8 sends their work to Wellman & Zuck in August, they expect it will be another month before completion of the job. Discussion was held on the possibility of holding a special meeting in September to review the work.
- Fivedot created a spreadsheet of materials needed for various events to streamline preparation.

c) Board Retreat

- The special meeting will be held on July 29th, 9-5pm in the library meeting room.
- Board members reviewed a draft of the agenda for the meeting. Discussion was held on agenda items and timing. Priorities were identified, including working through two capital campaign readiness toolkits and building a “case for support” document about the building project to have available for supporters, donors, etc.
- Laurie and Anthony will share materials with board members for review before the meeting.
- Laurie will reach out to steering committee member Steve Bowman about the possibility of facilitating the meeting.

13) Adjournment

MSC Barbara Sharp moved and Cheryl Kringle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted: Signed by: Karen Vedder
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Board Secretary

Approved: Signed by: John Aschoff
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Board President