

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE ZION-BENTON PUBLIC
LIBRARY DISTRICT
December 19th, 2017**

President Beverly Mull called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: J. Holmes, M. Martin, L. Sandoval, B. Mull, A. Onan.

Absent: W. Driver, R. Kauth

Staff present: L Stoppenbach

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Ms. Holmes moved to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) at 7:28pm. Second: Ms. Sandoval Roll Call: Aye: Homes, Mull Martin Sandoval Nay: -0-. Abstain: -0-. (Onan was briefly absent and did not vote) Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 6:10.

The board exited executive session at 7:15

The board discussed patron complaints about the teens and children who regularly come to the library after school. The after school program does offer a snack and a safe space.

Ms. Mull said she would like to see more structure in the after school program. Ms. Stoppenbach mentioned that the youth services and teen services librarians had been offering programming, and the library has the trial program of offering homework help, however many of the students preferred to talk in groups, play with phones, or play video games. Stoppenbach also mentioned that the Park District had an open gym/play basketball program for \$5.00 for the year. Stoppenbach mentioned the possibility of applying for a grant for more staffing for the program. The board directed Stoppenbach to apply for the grant.

Ms. Holmes motioned to adjourn. Second: Onan. Roll Call: Aye: Holmes, Mull Martin Sandoval Nay: -0-. Abstain: -0-. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Signed:

Recording Secretary: Linda Stoppenbach