

**LUTHER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 12, 2026
115 State Street Luther, MI 49656**

CALL TO ORDER

Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: D. Long, K. Pendley, S. Clark, T. Laughlin

Absent: A. Baker

VISITORS

J. Riggs and P. Karczynski

APPROVING AGENDA

Motion and seconded made by Pendley and Clark to approve the agenda. **Motion CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion and seconded made by Long and Pendley to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 12, 2026. **Motion CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion and seconded made by Clark and Long to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. **Motion CARRIED.** Clark will look into the cost of purchasing a propane tank.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Director Laughlin confirmed her written report and added the following:

- Decrease in patrons from 291-180, due to the library only being open 13 days.
- Laughlin would like to apply for the LSTA grant, and have applied/will be applying for 8 additional grants.

- Laughlin would like to go to the township meetings.

Motion and seconded by Clark and Pendley to approve the Librarian's Report. **Motion CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Junior Library Guild: Laughlin will be increasing the number of books received by JLG. No vote needed.

Board Paperwork Retention: Laughlin will check into grant from DTE to cover cost of file cabinet.

Clerk: Board approves the hiring of a new clerk. Minimum age of 18 years old, with either a High School Diploma or GED. 14 hours per week.

Roll Call Vote: (3) AYES – Pendley, Clark, Long

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

2026/2027 Budget: BUDGET HEARING: There was no public comment. Discussion.

Motion and seconded made by Pendley and Clark to approve the 2026/2027 Budget as presented. Roll Call Vote: (3) AYES – Long, Pendley, Clark (0) NAYS Motion CARRIED.

Selling Hotdogs over Luther days: Laughlin would like to sell hotdogs over Luther Days.

Motion Carried: Clark and Long

Sam's Club: Laughlin would like to get a membership from Sam's Club to purchase fundraiser items. Laughlin will check into Cosco. Board will reevaluate in April.

Library on the Go: Library staff will begin visiting the old school once per month. Motion approved and seconded by Clark and Pendley.

Hours of Operation: The Library hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and Tuesday 4:00pm-8:00 from June 1, 2027-October 31, 2027. Board will reevaluate in November.

Trustee: Motion to add J. Riggs and P. Karczynski to the board. Motion carried and seconded by Pendley and Clark.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Laughlin adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m