

The Board of Trustees of the North Canton Public Library held its Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026, at the Library. Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. Staff: Andrea Legg, Kelly Boggs, Kayla Moles, and Christina Weyrick.

The North Canton City Schools Board of Education has approved the reappointment of Mrs. Megan Pellegrino to the North Canton Public Library Board of Trustees for the term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

Jude Streb, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Trustee Mrs. Megan Pellegrino as follows: "I do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the state of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as a **member** of the Board of Trustees of the North Canton Public Library, Stark County, Ohio, to the best of my abilities, and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified."

Election of Officers

Mr. Fatzinger moved and Mrs. Beinlich seconded to accept and close the nominations for the Election of Officers for 2026 as follows: President – Jude Streb, Vice President – Lori Cochenour, and Secretary – Kristin Brimfield. Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. 2026:001

Kelly Boggs, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jude Streb, President, Mrs. Lori Cochenour, Vice President, and Mrs. Kristin Brimfield, Secretary, as follows: "I do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the state of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as **(President/Vice President/Secretary)** of the Board of Trustees of the North Canton Public Library, Stark County, Ohio, to the best of my abilities, and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified."

Fiscal Officer/Deputy Fiscal Officer

Mr. Streb moved and Mrs. Cochenour seconded to reappoint Kelly J. Boggs as Fiscal Officer for the year 2026 at an annual salary of \$81,404. (Note: rate was approved by the Board in August 2025.) Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. 2026:002

Mrs. Pellegrino moved and Mrs. Brimfield seconded to reappoint Kayla Moles as Deputy Fiscal Officer for the year 2026 at an annual salary of \$59,051. (Note: rate was approved by the Board in August 2025.) Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. 2026:003

Mr. Streb moved and Mr. Fatzinger seconded to set both the fiscal officer's bond and the deputy fiscal officer's bond at \$100,000. Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. 2026:004

Jude Streb, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Kelly Boggs, Fiscal Officer, and Kayla Moles, Deputy Fiscal Officer as follows: "I do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the state of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as **Fiscal Officer/Deputy Fiscal Officer** of the North Canton Public Library, Stark County, Ohio, to the best of my abilities, and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified."

Board Meeting Dates

Mrs. Brimfield moved and Mr. Streb seconded to set the time and date of Board of Trustees regular meetings for the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m., with no regular meeting to be held in February. Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. 2026:005

The 2026 meeting dates are as follows: January 19, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21.

Committee assignments

The Board members agreed to the following Committee assignments for 2026:

Art:	Mrs. Pellegrino*, Mrs. Brimfield
Budget & Finance:	Mr. Fatzinger*, Mrs. Cochenour, Mrs. Pellegrino
Building:	Mr. Harris*, Mrs. Beinlich, Mr. Fatzinger, Mrs. Pellegrino
Negotiating:	Mr. Harris*, Mrs. Cochenour
Nominating:	Mr. Fatzinger*, Mrs. Pellegrino,
Personnel:	Mrs. Pellegrino*, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger
Records Retention:	All Board members and Fiscal Officer
Strategic Planning:	Mrs. Beinlich*, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Harris

* indicates chairperson

Board President is Ex-officio of all standing committees.

Adjournment of Organizational Meeting

Mrs. Pellegrino moved and Mrs. Beinlich seconded to adjourn the 2026 Organizational Meeting at 4:38 p.m. 2026:006

Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

The Board of Trustees of the North Canton Public Library held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 19, 2026, at the Library immediately following the Organizational Meeting. Mr. Streb called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb. Staff: Andrea Legg, Kelly Boggs, Kayla Moles, and Christina Weyrick.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Streb asked if there were any changes to the meeting agenda as presented. There were none.

Mrs. Pellegrino moved and Mrs. Brimfield seconded to approve the agenda as presented. 2026:007
Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Streb asked if there were any corrections to the minutes presented from the December 15, 2025 regular meeting. There were none.

Mrs. Beinlich moved and Mr. Fatzinger seconded to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 regular meeting. 2026:008
Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

Report of the Fiscal Officer:

Mrs. Boggs reviewed the financial reports for December 2025 (copies attached) along with her Fiscal Officer's report (attached). The cash balance in all funds at the end of the year was \$3,945,069. Monthly revenues for all funds were \$163,985, and total annual revenues for all funds were \$3,053,920. Monthly expenses for all funds were \$282,981 and total annual expenses for all funds were \$3,037,973. Mrs. Boggs presented the investment reports and the lists of checks written for the month. Status reports, a list of payments, the investment report, and the Public Library Fund (PLF) reports were presented and accepted by the Board to be filed for audit (all copies attached).

Mrs. Boggs will present the Annual Financial Report at the next regular Board meeting.

GIFTS - Mrs. Boggs reported the following gifts were received during the month of December 2025.

Memorial & Gift Fund –

- W. Henry Hoover Fund donated \$7,500
- American Heart Association granted \$500 for purchase of equipment
- The Scott Rankin family donated \$75
- The Rotary Club of North Canton donated \$1,000 in sponsorship of Winterfest

Mrs. Pellegrino moved and Mrs. Cochenour seconded to accept the gifts listed above with much appreciation. 2026:009
Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

Report of the Director:

Mrs. Legg reported on the Statistics for December and for the year 2025, along with her Director's report (attached). Both the monthly and annual statistics reflected the consistent growth in digital material checkouts, programming attendance, and new cardholders, noting all-time or five-year highs in those categories for the year, and even surpassing pre-pandemic numbers. Mrs. Legg also presented an infographic of all the important statistics for the year of 2025 (attached), commending the Library staff for all their hard work to make these numbers so fantastic. Mrs. Legg plans to present the statistics infographic at the next city council meeting as well.

Committee Reports:

Art: The upcoming shows will be "Art from the Classroom" with the following schedule:

- Primary and Preschool (NCCS and St. Paul)– 2/5/26 through 2/15/26; opening reception 2/5/26 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Intermediate School (NCCS and St. Paul)– 2/19/26 through 3/1/26; opening reception 2/19/26 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Middle School (NCCS and St. Paul)– 3/5/26 through 3/15/26; opening reception 3/5/26 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- North Canton Hoover High School – 3/19/26 through 4/4/26; opening reception 3/19/26 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Building:

Mr. Fatzinger moved and Mr. Harris seconded to approve the attached Resolution approving the schematic design phase submissions and authorizing the design development phase services for the North Canton Public Library Renovation Project. 2026:010

Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

CMAR Evaluation Committee:

Mr. Fatzinger gave an update on the CMAR interview process, noting that Beaver Constructors were ranked as the best value firm to assume Construction Manager at Risk duties for the upcoming renovation project. The board discussed the scoring of each firm. Mrs. Boggs also shared some insight into the budgetary developments with regard to securing funds for the upcoming renovation project.

Mr. Fatzinger moved and Mrs. Cochenour seconded to approve the attached Resolution accepting best-value recommendation and authorizing negotiation and execution of Construction Manager at Risk Agreement. 2026:011

Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

Budget & Finance:

None

Personnel:

Ms. Moles gave an update on the following staff changes: Hire (12/22/25) Brigid Brockway.

Mrs. Brimfield moved and Mrs. Cochenour seconded to approve the following personnel changes:

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- Hire Brigid Brockway as a variable part-time Clerk, effective 12/22/25 at an hourly rate of \$12.00

Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

Nominating:

None

Negotiating:

None

Records Retention:

The next scheduled Records Retention meeting will be March 16, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning:

None

Communications:

North Canton City Schools Trustee Appointment

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Staff Presentation:

None

Public Presentation:

None

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the North Canton Public Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to be Monday, March 16, 2026 immediately following the Records Retention Committee meeting that commences at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

Mrs. Cochenour moved and Mrs. Beinlich seconded to adjourn to executive session at 5:06 p.m. for the discussion of: 2026:013

- Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Beinlich, Yes; Mrs. Brimfield, Yes; Mrs. Cochenour, Yes; Mr. Fatzinger, Yes; Mr. Harris, Yes; Mrs. Pellegrino, Yes; Mr. Streb, Yes.

The meeting returned to **regular session** at 5:21 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrino moved and Mr. Harris seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:21 p.m. 2026:014
Ayes: Mrs. Beinlich, Mrs. Brimfield, Mrs. Cochenour, Mr. Fatzinger, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Pellegrino, and Mr. Streb.

Jude Streb, President

Kristin Brimfield, Secretary