

Minutes of the Starke County Public
Library System's Board Meeting
July 14, 2026

Members Present:

Kim Gingher, Steve Dodge, Susan Lucas, Ruth Bailey, Rebecca Despot, JoAnne Bailey

Non – Members Present:

Kathleen Bowman – Director; Kathryn Lynch HR/Business Office Coordinator

- I. **Call to order** –Kim Gingher called the meeting to order at 4:15P.M.
- II. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment
- III. **Amendment/Acceptance of Proposed Agenda**
Steve Dodge made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
Steve Dodge made the motion to accept the **June 9, 2026, regular board meeting minutes** as written. **JoAnne Bailey** seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Approval of claims for July 2026**
Susan Lucas made the motion to approve the **Allowance of Accounts Payable Voucher in the amount of \$ 148,941.81 for July 2026.** **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Financial Reports were given by Director Bowman.**
 - A. Bank Reconciliation Reports
Director Bowman discussed the Cash Summary and Reconciliation reports for Key Bank and 1st Source bank for the month of June 2026.
 - B. Fund Report
Director Bowman informed the board how the fund report balance should always match the depository and cash reconciliation balances.
 - C. Revenue and Expenditure Report
Director Bowman informed the board we are on track with spending. There was nothing out of the normal in the revenue report for the month of June 2026.

D. **TrustIN Investment Report**

Director Bowman informed the board of the monthly yield of interest for the Rainy Day Fund.

VII. **Director's Report**

The Director's Report was given by Director Bowman. Information pertaining to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, ongoing programming, and upcoming closures was given.

VIII. **Monthly Statistical Report**

The June 2026 Monthly Statistical report was given by Director Bowman.

IX. **Personnel Actions**

There were no personnel actions to come before the board.

X. **New Business**

A. Holiday Recommendation

Rebecca Despot made the motion to accept the 2026 Holiday Recommendation, closing as an unpaid Holiday on December 26, 2026.

Steve Dodge seconded; motion passed unanimously.

B. NILBA Training

Director Bowman reminded the Board of Trustees of the upcoming Northern Indiana Library Board Association Dinner and Training on August 31.

XI. **Any additional business to come before the board**

Secretary Ruth Bailey mentioned a patron compliment she received at Scoops & Smiles regarding the number of services we offer the community, especially considering how small the community is.

Board Member Rebecca Despot also brought up the amount of Children's Programming (Dino program, Nerf Night) and the Canvas Class, that has been offered this summer and for the low costs or no cost being great with how expensive the current economy is.

XII. **Adjournment**

Ruth Bailey made the motion to adjourn the **July 14, 2026**, regular board meeting. **Steve Dodge** seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Time 4:35 P.M.