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Present: Barry Lind, Joyce Valentine, Kenneth Urban, and Elbert Purdom

Absent: Rosalind Jaffe (with prior notification)

Others: Richard Schmidt, Manistee County Board of Commissioners Liaison; Steve Rogers; Sue Wilson; Charles Haemker, Executive Director; Andrea Cosier, Assistant Director - Head of Youth Services; and Helen Grabowski, Recording Secretary

The Manistee County Library Board held a special meeting in the Library's Upper Level Meeting Room on Friday, September 8, 2017, to conduct an interview for the Executive Director's position and update the Board on the recent labor negotiations and the Executive Director's revisions to the 2017 – 2018 Budget that were discussed at the August meeting. President Lind called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Urban, supported by Valentine, to approve the agenda for the special meeting as presented. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Labor Negotiations Update**

President Lind requested a motion to go into closed session to update the Board on the recent labor negotiations.

Motion by Urban, supported by Valentine, to go into closed session at 9:04 a.m. to include the Board, Ms. Cosier, and Mr. Haemker to review the draft of the TPOAM – GEA contract for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Urban, supported by Valentine, to go out of closed session and reconvene the special meeting at 9:40 am. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

President Lind called for a short break and reconvened the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

**Executive Director's Revisions to the 2017 – 2018 Budget**

At last month's meeting, Mr. Haemker presented the Board with changes to the 2017 – 2018 budget. Prior to the meeting, the Board received the proposed revisions. The changes included the following line items: Penal Fines, Budget Stabilization, HVAC Maintenance, Fine Art Appraisals, personnel, online subscriptions, and Transfers to the Capital Improvement Fund.

**Interview for Library Director**

The Board interviewed Debra Greenacre for the Library's Director position and she was asked the same questions as the previous candidates.

Mrs. Greenacre currently is Director of the Three Rivers Public Library. Previously she has been employed at Dolores Public Library and St. Ignace Public Library.

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**Public/Trustee Comments**

Before requesting input from the Board, President Lind asked if there were any comments from the public. President Lind then polled the Board members as to their thoughts on the candidate. In the discussion that followed, everyone felt that she was qualified to do the job.

Motion by Valentine, supported by Urban, to offer Debra Greenacre the Director's position and authorize the Search Committee to negotiate a contract to be presented to the Board for their approval at the September 26, 2017, meeting. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Urban, supported by Valentine, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. All voting in favor. Motion carried.



Helen Grabowski  
Recording Secretary