Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for February 24, 2026 Meeting 7:00PM

Open Meeting Held: Library Auditorium
Optional Zoom Meeting ID 842 9475 4177 & Password 974544

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Marisa Ackermann - Zoom Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Kim Bogosian Ms. Stephanie Kivich Ms. Monica Rodriguez - Zoom Mr. Charles Ryan - Zoom Ms. Krista Vellis - Zoom Mr. Palmer Yale - Zoom
Absent	Mr. Jimmy Rizzo
Staff Present	Ms. Gretchen Corsillo
Others Present	Ms. Christie Del Rey-Cone - Zoom Mr. Ian Doris, Attorney
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Kivich

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Vellis read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. President's Report

A. Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for tonight's meeting
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Rodriguez
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Bogosian, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Vellis, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

B. Approval of the minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, open meeting
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Yale
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Yale
Against:
Abstain: Bogosian, Vellis

4. Hearing of the citizens

Ms. Kivich opened the meeting to the hearing of the citizens. Seeing none, she closed the meeting.

5. Correspondence – None

6. Director's Report

Ms. Corsillo reported:

- Facilities – HVAC issues continue. Boiler 1 is back online. The inside of it was replaced. Reiner was supposed to come yesterday to fix the air handler, but due to the storm, they couldn't make it. They are coming next Monday. The architect came to take measurements for the mezzanine project. We should receive their final proposal by the end of the week or so which will include a ramp into the Teen Space. De Barbieri Architects were referred by Jeff Jordan and they seem to be able to do this.
- Finance – Ms. Corsillo and Ms. Kivich will be meeting with the Council's Finance Committee. Not asking for anything outside the norm.
- Performance evaluations for the team went very well. They were done at the end of January.
- Personnel and Professional Development - Ms. Corsillo attended the NJLA conference last week. It was a joint session with school libraries, but it was still a good conference and there were interesting sessions that she attended. Most impactful was about what to do if ICE comes into the library. It was taught by a lawyer and a librarian. The host of the Reading Rainbow was a great speaker. Performance reviews were all conducted in January and Ms. Corsillo attended the Union negotiations with Mr. Yale and Mr. Doris.
- Friends had an information session that went well. People who attended were engaged. The BCCLS event speaking about Mini Golf was postponed due to the storm.
    - Mini golf is already completely sold out. Limited number of tickets available at the door.
- Technology – Our wireless system is getting replaced this year. We have had a number of minor issues, blips in service, and one major outage last weekend. It's on the head of IT's radar that we would like to switch over to the BCCLS system as soon as possible.
- BCCLS gave out an information document regarding all of the benefits that we get from being a library that is part of BCCLS.

7. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Payment of February bills

Motion: To approve payment of bills enclosed in packet, with additions
Moved: Bogosian Seconded: Armacost
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Bogosian, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Vellis, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

2. Acceptance of the 2024 Audit

Motion: To accept the 2024 audit report from Wielkotz and Co, as presented

- Ms. Rodriguez mentioned that every year the auditor states that there is a conflict of interest in regards to the bank we are using and our Treasurer. Discussion ensued. We could possibly split the funds into another bank. We could also ask Mr. Rizzo if he would like to step down as Treasurer, but we would need a new Treasurer. Ms. Armacost said she would step up. Ms. Vellis said she would have a conversation with Mr. Rizzo.

Moved: Bogosian Seconded: Yale
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Bogosian, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Vellis, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

B. Buildings/Grounds – No report

C. Foundation – Gala is Saturday May 2nd. Organizing and getting everything rolling.

D. By-Laws – No report.

E. Strategic Planning – No report.

F. Nominating – No report.

G. Personnel – No report.

H. Mayor/Alternate – Borough is looking at different events where the library can be present.

I. Superintendent/Alternate – Mr. Ryan reported that Rutherford Schools are out of snow days. The Memorial Day extension the Friday before won't happen this year. Summer camp opening on April 1st. 4th grade at Pierrepont K-3 at Washington this year.

J. Legal – No report.

8. Old Business

- 2026 Committee Rosters – In need of a volunteer for the Nominating Committee with Ms. Vellis. Ms. Bogosian volunteered. Ideally everyone should be on 2 committees.

9. Closed Session

WHEREAS, the "Open Public Meetings Act" requires that a public body adopt a resolution at an open meeting before going into closed session to discuss a matter which excludes the public as permitted under Section 7b;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library Board of Trustees will hold a closed meeting on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:36PM in person and via Zoom to discuss contract negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the outcome of this discussion will be disclosed to the public when there is no further need for confidentiality.

10. New Business

- Mezzanine Walkway Project – Discussed during Director's Report

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Moved: Armacost Seconded: Bogosian
For: Ackermann, Armacost, Bogosian, Kivich, Rodriguez, Ryan, Vellis, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Verdino

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM