

Stevens Memorial Community Library
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 16, 2026

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held In Person at the Library, at 6:00 PM.

President Katie Kennedy, called the meeting to order at 6:05PM. Also present were:

Trustees:, Sandy Eck, Kim Harding, Jennifer Wilkinson, Stuart Hempel, Lisa Neary (treasurer), and Barb Helak. Lori Kubik was absent.

Staff: Director Palmer Perkins

We did pledge to the flag.

1 Motion: Kim Harding moved to approve the agenda. Katie Kennedy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments were: none.

2 Motion: Kim Harding moved to approve the minutes from last month. Sandy Eck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3 Motion: Jennifer Wilkinson moved to approve the expenditures and the Treasurer Reports and Abstracts. Barb Helak seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4 Motion: Jennifer Wilkinson moved to approve the Investment Policy as outlined in the agenda packet attachments and as recommended by the Finance Committee. Kim Harding seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5 Motion: Jennifer Wilkinson moved to combine the 2 CDs that are maturing onto one and to direct the Treasurer to “re-code” as Operating CD#2, and to reinvest at the highest rate for a period of 6-7 months. Katie Kennedy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6 Motion: Jennifer Wilkinson moved to have the treasurer draft a Fund Balance Policy so as to have a Building Improvement and Equipment Fund along with a recommendation for amount of funding and to draft resolutions to accompany same. Kim Harding seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7 Motion: Jennifer Wilkinson moved to have the treasurer take the old designation of “Renovation” and “Fundraising” accounts to be revised to make it clear that they are General Operating Account Funds, and to “close-out” those accounts to make the book-keeping clearer. Sandy Eck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8 Motion: Katie Kennedy moved to pass the override of the Tax Cap Resolution as revised per our discussion (attached). Stuart Hempel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9 Motion: Jennifer Wilkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. Kim Harding seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting(s) will be held on:

Finance Meetings: Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Library.

Regular Board Meeting MOVED TO **THUESDAY March 19, 2026 at 6:00** at the Library.

Personnel Tuesday, TBA at in the Library

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Wilkinson, Secretary



RESOLUTION - Exceed Tax cap 2026-2027

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026-2027 budget for the Stevens Memorial Community Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Stevens Memorial Community Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2026-2027 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 16, 2025.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees February 16, 2025 by unanimous vote of those present.