

**MINUTES OF THE ZION-BENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING ID# 851 5879 6202  
JULY 8, 2020**

President Beverly Mull called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: A. Onan, J. Smith, R. Kauth, S. Latif, B. Mull  
Absent: M. Martin, W. Driver  
Staff Present: M. Womack  
Visitors: None

**MINUTES**

New Business

a) Discussion of the HVAC repair/replacement options.

The Director, Matt Womack, shared information on HVAC repair and replacement options. We discussed the bid by Martin Peterson Company from 2018 and the new bid of July 1, 2020. Following a discussion of possible options, Amy Onan made a motion, followed by Jennifer Smith seconding, that we repair the unit. The Board voted by roll call to move ahead with the repair of the unit rather than replacement at this time.

Voting Results

Yes: R. Kauth, A. Onan, S. Latif, J. Smith, B. Mull.  
No: None.

b) Discussion of Statement on Racial Equality and Social Justice

Matt came to us with the suggestion that the library make a formal statement regarding our stand on Racial Equality and Social Justice. We supported this idea fully, especially in light of the recent death of George Floyd while in police custody and the recent efforts of the Black Life Matters organization. He shared a draft proposal and we spent time discussing and making suggestions that will be used in creating a formal statement to publish for our community. We also recommended additional training for staff to better handle responses to the statement.

**ADJURNMENT**

President Mull thanked us for an excellent meeting/sharing and adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.

Recording Secretary: R. Kauth