

RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 5, 2025

1) Call to Order

A meeting of the Rangeview Library District (d.b.a. "Anythink Libraries") Board of Trustees was called to order at Anythink Huron at 5:10 pm. A quorum was present.

Trustees Attending

Lynne Fox, Gretchen Lapham, Trisha Kramer, Suzie Brundage

Trustee Absent

None

Staff Attending

Mark Fink, Executive Director; Susan Dobbs; Assistant Director, Suzanne McGowan, Director of Customer Experience; Logan Macdonald, Director of Products and Technology; Paola Vilaxa, Director of DEIB and Community Engagement; Nan Fisher, Finance Manager; Justin Sager, Construction Project Manager (virtually)

Guests

Elizabeth Dauer, Legal Counsel

2) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented for the February 5, 2025 Special Board Meeting was made by Trustee Fox and seconded by Trustee Lapham. Motion carried.

3) Public Comment

None

4) Approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting was made by Trustee Fox and seconded by Trustee Lapham. Motion carried.

5) Finance Manager's Report:

Due to the early timing of the Special Board Meeting, the January and February financials will be presented at the March 2025 Regular Board meeting.

6) Old Business:

None

7) New Business:

None

8) Anythink Huron Street Branch Report, Shelly Whitelonis, Branch Manager

- a) Whitelonis welcomed everyone to the Anythink Huron branch for the meeting. She said that the 2024 year was busy and included 90 performances of “After the End,” an immersive theater experience in partnership with The Catamounts. The *Denver Post* published a positive review of the experience.
- b) Whitelonis commended the following folks on this project:
 - The Catamounts for being a huge part of this performance
 - Suzanne McGowan and Stacie Ledden for their efforts in creating the SCFD grant
 - The Facilities Team for their work in preparing the rooms
 - Ashley Garst for planning the closing reception
 - The Concierges, Sara Gooding and Vickie Avery, for their support of the reception
 - The Guides for stepping up to stay the extra hours
 - And of course, Luke Sorge, who wrote the amazing script and who also connected Anythink with the Catamounts
- c) Whitelonis mentioned that Teen Guide, Patrick Austin, was instrumental in expanding our partnership with the Food Bank of the Rockies and she said that meals made available to children and teens had increased from 20 per week last year to 80-120 meals per week (Monday through Thursday) this year.
- d) Whitelonis said Anythink Huron also hosted a Voter Polling Center again this year and said that it was extremely well attended.
- e) Whitelonis also said that Caitlin Curran was brought on board as a newly created position of Anythink Huron’s first Wrangler Coordinator. She introduced Caitlin and asked her to say a few words. Caitlin said that she has been a Wrangler for a year or so and that she is excited to utilize her leadership experience in this position and that she very much enjoys working at Anythink Huron.
- f) Lastly, Whitelonis announced that Tiffany Green from Anythink Brighton will be joining their team as a Youth Services Guide, and that she is getting a promotion from her role at Anythink Brighton as a Concierge.

9) Capital Projects Update, Justin Sager, Owner’s Representative

Sager joined the Board meeting via Zoom and reported that there is solid progress on the construction of the Nature Library.

Trustee Fox asked if the weather had been a problem. Sager said that we lost a couple of days, but that did not significantly impact the schedule. Trustee Lapham said that it looks like a lot of progress since Sager last reported.

10) Executive Director Report, Mark Fink

Fink met with the City of Northglenn's Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity (DISE) Committee to discuss library services for City of Northglenn. Fink told DISE that Anythink is recruiting for the new Community Connections Manager position, and after this person is hired, they will be looking at expanding library service options in Northglenn.

Fink said that the District has joined the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) and said that this organization incorporates Adams County, the County Commissioners, the City of Westminster, Weld County, Northglenn, and their elected representatives who are members of AC-REP. Fink announced that by being part of this organization, we now have a seat at the table to learn and influence significant regional opportunities and challenges.

Fink said that he attended a reception hosted by AC-REP on January 30th in Denver to connect with state legislators who represent Adams and Weld Counties. He mentioned that Representative Gabe Evans was present and it was interesting meeting him.

Fink celebrated the launch of Anythink World and asked Alex Thao, Manager of Anythink World, to share an update. Thao said over 300 people attended the launch and that each branch had supported the event. Thao said that Anythink World will continue developing and growing and that there are several events planned in the coming months.

Trustee Lapham asked what the incentive was to encourage the community to participate. Thao said that he believes "word of mouth" and some marketing strategies were enticing to the community and that mostly teens participated. Thao also commended all of the branches for their assistance.

Trustee Fox said that she was excited to know that the launch was successful and said that the branches made it widely known to customers who entered the libraries about Anythink World and she commended Thao for the launch.

Fink announced that Anythink Bennett is closed for minor renovations and will reopen on February 25th.

Lastly, Fink announced that Senate Bill 25-63 was introduced by Senator Cutter which is an initiative to provide school library workers with protections and standardize the request for reconsideration process for schools. Fink said that the bill will require school districts to establish written policies for the reconsideration of library resources. Fink stated that the bill was headed to the Senate Education Committee next week and there is strong support from the library community to get it passed.

Trustee Fox said that she has a close friend who heard about this bill and she has signed up to testify in favor of it and encouraged others to join in.

Trustee Lapham asked about the Board of Trustee vacancies. Fink said that one candidate has been selected, Celeste Jackson, and has accepted. Fink said that she will be present at our March 19, 2025 Board meeting.

Trustee Brundage asked about the other candidate that was a likely possibility. Fink said that interviews and final determination will be conducted by the County Commissioners.

Trustee Fox said that she also thought that Celeste Jackson will be a great asset to our Board.

Fink said that he is confident that a second candidate will be selected soon and will also be attending the March 19th Board meeting.

Fink announced that this will conclude the Business portion of the Board meeting so that we can take some time to Celebrate Trustee Lynne Fox.

Fink recognized Trustee Fox for her commitment, leadership and loyalty to this Board for the last 10 years and for the wisdom and guidance that she has given and thanked her for everything that she has done. Fink said that Trustee Fox has provided great support and knowledge to the library district and that she has been an exceptional part of the Anythink Team and that we want her to feel valued and celebrated.

Trustee Fox said that she has had a wonderful 10 years. She said that she actually got to stay in touch with her profession as a Librarian and that she appreciates all that she has learned from serving on the Board of Trustees and that she will truly miss all of it.

Dobbs presented Trustee Fox with a gift.

Trustee Brundage said that she did not really realize that Trustee Fox was actually leaving until she spoke about it this evening.

McGowan mentioned that she has library friends across the country and that they have said so many great things about their friendship with Trustee Fox.

Fink announced that at this time we will take a short break to enjoy some great food and to celebrate Trustee Fox.

Fink reconvened the Board meeting at about 6:00 pm.

11) Legal Counsel Report, Beth Dauer

Dauer did not have a report for this meeting.

12) For the Good of the Order

13) Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session at approximately 6:10 pm to discuss Executive Director's Annual Performance and Contract Matters Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (e) and (f) was made by Trustee Brundage and seconded by Trustee Fox. Motion carried.

The Board of Trustees reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

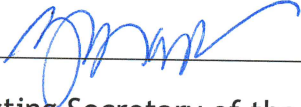
14) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Brundage and seconded by Trustee Fox. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Boyer
Recorder



Acting Secretary of the Board
Rangeview Library District