The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on December 15, 2020 at 7:03 p.m.

Joining the meeting remotely were Board Members Peter Pagones, Robert Paz, Emily Schreiber, Roberta Newman and Wendy Forgash. Director Elaine Cummings-Young and Secretary to the Board Marie Simoneschi were also in attendance.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion made by Wendy Forgash. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

After Board review, Emily Schreiber made a motion to accept the Financial Report for November 2020. Peter Pagones, seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 11/12/20 was $65,883.22
Payroll for the period ending 11/26/20 was $58,056.30

December bills totaling $72,848.18 were approved on a motion made by Wendy Forgash. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged.

Library Statistics were reviewed.

Old Business:

Wendy Forgash made a motion to approve the H2M proposal for the Reading Room Renovation-HVAC Work & Window Replacement. The motion was seconded by Emily Schreiber and passed unanimously.

Pages 41-42 from the handbook for Library Trustees of New York State were handed out to the Board Members.

New Business:

Roberta Newman made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel at 7:54 p.m.
Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

At 8:27 p.m. Emily Schreiber made a motion to exit Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Roberta Newman.

Peter Pagones made a motion to approve an increase in the rate of pay for part-time Pages and part-time Cleaners to meet the 2021 New York State mandated minimum wage. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Roberta Newman made a motion to approve a 2% increase to the rate of pay for the Bellmore Memorial Library bargaining unit, including the exempt titles of Principal Clerk and Senior Account Clerk effective January 1, 2021. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed with a majority vote. Peter Pagones abstained.

Wendy Forgash made a motion to approve Pamela Pagones continue as Acting Head of Children’s until such time as Nassau County Civil Service offers a promotional Librarian II exam or competitive Librarian II exam and upon successful completion of the exam Pamela Pagones will be promoted to Head of Children’s. Also, during Pamela Pagones’ time as Acting head of Children’s the library will increase her hourly rate of pay to commensurate with her new responsibilities. Details on file. Roberta Newman seconded the motion which passed by a majority vote. Peter Pagones abstained.

At 8:35 p.m., Emily Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz.

The next meeting of the Board will be held January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees