

**EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**Council Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, December 14, 2022**  
**SCLS Blue Room and Remote via Zoom**

**Present**

**In Person**

Krystle Hernandez-Barnett  
Alexandria Hiam  
Melissa Tunstead  
Casey Veit  
Carl Vitevitch  
Jacqueline Wilson

**Zoom**

Katie McIntyre  
Luisa Reichardt  
Darla Salva-Cruz

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vitevitch at 8:35 a.m.

**Informational Items**

Mr. Vitevitch reviewed the following:

- **Council Meetings** for 2022-2023 ~ all meetings 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. ~ SCLS Blue Room or Remote via Zoom
  - Thursday, March 16, 2023
  - Friday, May 19, 2023
- **Liaison Meetings** for 2022-2023 ~ all meetings 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. ~ SCLS Auditorium
  - Thursday, March 16, 2023
  - Friday, May 19, 2023
- The **Virtual Reference Collection** comprises 46 districts + 2 non-publics and 3 Western Suffolk. Participation fees and cost per student for the 2021-2022 school year will be reported at the March meeting.
- **Library Automation** comprises 45 districts, 29 Follett and 14 OPALS + 2 non-publics. Mr. Vitevitch shared on screen the OPALS and Follett web pages.

Mr. Vitevitch indicated that the **SLS Annual Report** has been submitted to NYS and SLS is waiting for feedback. He also shared what is included in the report.

Mr. Vitevitch shared the **SLS homepage**, pointing out the important documents posted there. For example, the Cooperative Collection Development Plan, Library System Plan of Service, SLS End of Year Evaluation, etc.

**Voting Items**

The minutes from the October 18, 2022 Council meeting (attached) were approved prior to the meeting via email.

## Discussion Items

Mr. Vitevitch the budget process and shared the following figures:

### State Aid

#### Operating (860)

Beginning Balance: \$307,309.00

Current Balance: \$27,073.23

Expended on salaries, benefits and indirect costs based on state guidelines.

#### Supplemental (868)

Beginning Balance: \$59,574.00

Current Balance: \$5,054.27

Expended on salaries and benefits.

#### Categorical (820) - Automation

Beginning Balance: \$20,731.00

Current Balance: \$20,731.00

#### CoSer 508 (OPALS, Follett, Overdrive)

Beginning Balance: \$456,513.00

Current Balance: \$99,879.43

#### CoSer 516 (online resources)

Mr. Vitevitch shared the VRC web page on screen.

Beginning Balance: \$2,124,112.00

Current Balance: \$141,193.53

#### Rollover funds (three combined budget codes from previous year's balances)

Beginning Balance: \$34,467.00

Current Balance: \$0.00

Purchased Sage Publications **CQ Researcher** update, 2019 – current year.

Mr. Vitevitch encouraged Council members to share ideas for future **Liaison Meetings** or **Library Leadership Academies**.

## Other Items

Mr. Vitevitch indicated that the **Educational Technology Coach** position remains unfilled; it will be reposted in the new year.

Mr. Vitevitch shared on screen SLS's **LibGuide** for meeting handouts and described the types of materials that can be found there.

Highlights from the **Long Island School Library Systems Fall Institute** evaluation were shared by Mr. Vitevitch, who discussed some of the technology challenges experienced at the conference. Mr. Vitevitch indicated they will try to add breakout groups next year. The conference was held on November 8, 2022 at the Radisson Hauppauge.

### Highlights from the Survey

- Native Americans aren't One group, they are individual nations ///// Understanding that Native Americans are still here and need to be recognized as so.
- I wish there was more discussion on other titles that feature native characters. I really appreciated his talk and desire to educate people about those who occupied the land before the Europeans arrived.
- Importance of acknowledging there are still many concepts and perceptions of history that need to be re-examined as part of our education curriculum
- A good perspective for understanding of children with disabilities and how can I assist them
- Valerie was a passionate speaker and the speaker who I was best able to hear. What tools do we have at our disposal in the VRC to help disabled users? Would have liked to have heard even more about National Library Service for the Blind and Book Share and what the criteria for using these services are.
- \*Note that this was planned in May 2022 ---> PLEASE consider having breakout sessions rather than having multiple sessions in one large room. People feel more involved and are more interested when they have a choice in picking session categories. Today's sessions were fine but I think people got antsy because they were stuck in one room all day. They need to be able to move around and pick and choose what sessions to attend.

Location and Attendance (via MLP)

#	Year	Location	Cost	Eastern
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1 <sup>st</sup> “Building Relationships”	2014	Farmingdale PL	Free	43
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2015	UPSKY, Hauppauge	\$100	33
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2016	UPSKY, Hauppauge	\$100	72 (24)
4 <sup>th</sup> “Extending Your Reach!”	2017*	Farmingdale PL	Free	38 (14)
5 <sup>th</sup>	2018	Radisson, Hauppauge	\$100	58 (19)
6 <sup>th</sup>	2019	Radisson, Hauppauge	\$100	62 (18)
7 <sup>th</sup>	2020	Virtual due to COVID	Free	29 (16)
8 <sup>th</sup>	2021	Virtual due to COVID	Free	64 (21)
9 <sup>th</sup>	2022	Radisson, Hauppauge	\$100	45 (14)
10 <sup>th</sup>	2023			

Mr. Vitevitch, who serves on the LILRC Board of Trustees, reminded members that **LILRC** workshops are open to librarians, and spoke about the **NYS EMTA’s spring conference** and the **Media Literacy Project Grant** they offer. He also showed the **LI Digital Inclusion Coalition** web page and described their activities and shared two library related news pieces – a article entitled “Next-generation Libraries” that appeared in **Newsday** on 11/27/22 the other a **Newsday** editorial from 12/5/22, “Libraries Need Books and More.” He will email copies out to Council members.

Mr. Vitevitch called for questions and comments; there being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.