

Eastern Suffolk BOCES School Library System
Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 6, 2022 ~ 8:30 – 9:30 am, Remote via Zoom

Present:

Theresa Ameres
Alexandria Hiam
Luisa Reichardt
Darla Salva-Cruz
Carl Vitetvitch
Jackie Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ameres at 8:35 am, who welcomed the attendees. This was followed by a round of self-introductions.

The following voting items were not acted upon due to the lack of a quorum. They will be addressed after the meeting via email.

Council Members Term Expiring

First Term (has agreed to serve a second term, pending Council approval) - Alexandria Hiam,
Luisa Reichardt

First Term (will not be serving a second term) - Melanie Ash

New Council Members (pending Council approval)

Casey Veit, School Library Media Specialist, East Islip High School ~ replacing Melanie Ash
Jacqueline Wilson, Suffolk Region PTA ~ replacing Daniene Byrne

Mr. Vitevitch provided an **overview of the services** provided by ES BOCES SLS, as well as addressed new member questions. He included a detailed overview of the services and resources provided to support diversity, equity and inclusion or **DEI** (LI Students Read, AV2 Books, world language book collection, many databases offer translation feature).

Preliminary Budget (pending)

Mr. Vitevitch reviewed budget information, sharing it on screen. 2022 NYS Library Aid: \$99.6M
~ For context, last year's enacted budget was \$94.1M.

Minutes of March 17, 2022 Council Meeting previously approved via email.

Status of Co-Sers reviewed by Ms. Ameres.

Library Automation Co-Ser 508

42 districts plus two non-public schools ~ Ross School and St. John the Baptist participate

Current financial status: Revenue \$ 565,502.74 - (last year \$ 572,854.21)

Library Services/Media Co-Ser 516

Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) listed on Shared Services Response Pages at \$10.34 per student in grades 3 -12 ~ (this amount includes a 1.97% increase for 2022-2023)

48 districts plus two non-publics, Huntington UFSD, Babylon UFSD, and Smithtown CSD in West Suffolk participate in Co-Ser 516

The **Digital Media Library** (DML) will be discontinued in the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Vitevitch explained which resources are being discontinued and how the continuing databases will now be accessed.

Current financial status: Revenue \$ 2,055,890.30 (last year \$ 2,023,366.21)

Mr. Vitevitch reviewed and explained the **participation fees** for CoSer 508 for 2022-2023:

1 – 600	\$1,147.00
601 – 2000	\$1,916.00
2001 – 5000	\$2,584.00
5001 – 8000	\$3,324.00
8001 – 11000	\$3,826.00
11001 – plus	\$4,500.00

Liaison/Program Meeting Evaluation from the March 17, 2022 meeting were shared.

Highlights from the Evaluation

“Always useful to have collaboration with county-wide colleagues and SORA support to discuss meaningful application and instruction.”

“The speaker was highly knowledgeable about the inner-workings of the SORA platform. I enjoyed having her walk us through the platform and its features. I now have information to share with my colleagues about the platform and how it can potentially benefit my district.”

“We are so excited to start using our new Sora platform. Today's presentation was very useful and I'm grateful to have Tracey's contact in fo to reach out with questions as we get it going.”

“Jay clearly struggled throughout his presentation, and I think all of our hearts went out to him. Carl handled the situation very well.”

“Despite the connectivity issues this was really informative and has my curiosity peaked. I thought I was pretty well informed on our local Native American population but there is so much I was wrong about. I look forward to learning more and sharing with my students.”

“Jay is so knowledgeable and his presentation was very informative. I've already told our 4th grade teachers about it and hope to seek him out in the future for something at our school.”

“Jay Levenson's talk was informative. I particularly enjoyed how he would periodically debunk myths throughout his presentation. I look forward to seeing his recorded session.”

Mr. Vitevitch shared on screen SLS's LibGuides pages, highlighting the materials available on the Meeting Handouts page.

SLS 2021-2022 Evaluation will be going out on the listserv (link sent in email). Mr. Vitevitch showed the survey on screen.

Mr. Vitevitch indicated that SLS is open to Council **suggestions** for future Liaison Meeting or Library Leadership Academy topics.

Ms. Ameres shared future 2022-2023 SLS **Council Meeting Dates** (8:30 – 9:30 am – Location TBD)

Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Thursday, March 16, 2023
Friday, May 19, 2023

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Ameres at 9:22 am.