

**Community Library Network  
Board of Trustees Budget Hearing  
Thursday, August 16, 2018  
Post Falls Library**

**We Empower Discovery**

**Trustees present:** Katie Blank, Bob Fish, Regina McCrea, Judy Meyer, Michele Veale  
**Staff present:** John Hartung, Anne Abrams, Rebecca Melton, Janelle Sells

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Katie Blank, Chair.

**Roll call:** Katie Blank, Bob Fish, Regina McCrea, Judy Meyer, Michele Veale

**Board Chair comments:** The Chair, Katie Blank, mentioned the new process undertaken by the Board this year to improve the budget and make it more transparent. She thanked the Board for their willingness to change the process and for a successful result.

**Introductions:**

None

**Public input:**

The Board Chair read a letter from a citizen who was not present. He expressed that he is not wholly in favor of the budget but likes the direction that the board has taken.

**Board member comments:**

The Board asked the Director about property tax levy rates during the last recession. He responded that the property tax levy rate went up to cover the budget submitted to the county by the Board. The District responded to increased use by members with no staff raises, but staff was not laid off.

The Board asked how the term "growth factor" is defined. It is the value of property newly added to the tax rolls.

**Optional vote on the budget: action item:**

Blank noted that the Board could accept the budget at this meeting instead of holding a budget approval meeting on August 23 if they decided to do so.

The Board accepted the budget, draft 5, dated 7/31/18 for certification and submission to the Counties and the State Tax Commission.

M, C, Veale

The Budget Approval Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2018, was cancelled.

**Adjournment: action item**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22.

M, C, McCrea

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**Calendar of events:**

Sep 20:	2-5	Pinehurst	regular meeting
Oct 18:	2-5	Post Falls	regular meeting
Oct 25:	8:30-4:30	Hayden	All Staff Day
Nov 15:	2-5	Post Falls	regular meeting
Dec 20:	2-5	Hayden	regular meeting