Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany (SSCTA) BOCES
School Library System (SLS)
Council Minutes
April 3, 2019
Southern Tier Library System

Present: Angela Ingles, Addison CSD; Christine Ferris, Arkport CSD; Julie Kurtz, Canaseraga CSD; Maryalice Kilbourne, Avoca CSD; BethAn Parulski-Seager, Bath CSD; Robin Robarge, Corning-Painted Post ASD; Lorie Brown, Southern Tier Library System; Stephanie Wilson, SSCTA SLS Director, SSCTA BOCES.

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M.

Paula Fox has agreed to serve as Council Chairperson, 2019-2021.

BethAn Parulski-Seager has agreed to serve as Council Vice-Chairperson, 2019-2021.

Stephanie stated NYLA’s lobbying efforts fell short for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Funding remained flat at $96.6M. Governor Cuomo proposed a $5M cut in Library Aid in this year’s Executive Budget. The 2019-20 enacted budget rejected this proposed cut.

The Governor proposed a $20M cut in State Public Library Construction Aid capital funding from $34M back to $14M. Despite the efforts of thousands of library advocates, this cut was the first time in the Governor’s last nine proposed cuts which were not reinstated in the final budget.

Lorie Brown addressed the Census issue concerning public libraries in 2020 and the 20 million dollar funding appropriated by the governor.

2021-2026 Plan of Service, (POS) release dates will open sometime during 2020. Each SLS POS is due to Division of Library Development April 1, 2021.

Jennifer LaGarde will be presenting a one-day workshop, “Fact vs. Fiction: Teaching Critical Thinking Skills in the Age of Fake News” in early November.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie B. Wilson
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