



## HCLS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2017 ♦ 7:30 pm  
HCLS Administrative Branch

Board members present were: Tom Munns, Chair; Louise Riemer, Vice Chair; Richard Alexander, Treasurer; Andy Dalal; and Bruce Rothschild. Also present were Steve Lewicky, Counsel to the Board, and staff members/citizens, Mary Brosenne, Stephanie Darby, Stacey Fields, Valerie Gross, Rohini Gupta, Alli Jessing, Suki Lee, Phil Lord, Tanya Malveaux, Robert Mentz, Carol Murray, Mike Riemer, Alan Simpson, and Ron Wilson.

Mr. Munns called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm, welcoming everyone. The Board unanimously approved the March 15, 2018 General and Executive Session minutes, then reviewed and unanimously approved the FY 18 Operating and Capital Budgets as approved by the County Council, including the FY 18 salary schedules.

The Board unanimously approved no changes to Supplement 4 and the proposed edits to Supplement 1 of the *HCLS Board of Trustees Policies*, which clarified the trustee interview and nomination process, along with slate of FY 18 Officers – Louise Riemer as Chair, Richard Alexander as Vice Chair, and Anne Markus as Treasurer.

Reports on capital projects underway included that (a) the East Columbia Branch is scheduled to reopen December 2, 2017; and (b) construction of the ElkrIDGE Branch & DIY Education Center continues on schedule for a March 2018 Grand Opening.

Acknowledging Rob Mentz in the audience, I related that his nomination is being considered by the County Council with approval slated for the first Monday in July.

Ms. Jessing and Ms. Gupta presented the vision for our forthcoming Repair Cafes, a new DIY Ed initiative in partnership with Transition Howard County. Designed to reduce landfill waste, these classes will offer instruction for repairing bikes, jewelry, furniture, and simple electrical and mechanical items. They explained that some of these classes will serve as pilots for the DIY Ed Center at the new ElkrIDGE Branch, and that the first class will take place at the Miller Branch on July 15.

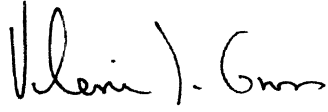
Highlights from my report included Battle of the Books, systemwide Homework Centers, Brainfuse, HCLS Spelling Bee, Rube Goldberg Challenge, A+ Student Library Cards, Children's Discovery Fair, Year-End A+ Meeting, HiTech, most popular titles, HCLSNOW!, Choose Civility, HiTails Ambassadors, Enchanted Garden, Summer @ Your Library, adult classes and events, Friends & Foundation of HCLS, HCLS Project Literacy, passport news, Professional Development Day, HiJinx podcast, social media statistics, visibility of note, and customer comments.

The Board reviewed the financial and statistical reports. Miscellaneous Board packet items were noted, including Professional Development Day materials, *Team Update*, the latest issue of *source*, and *HCLS in the News*.

Mr. Munns thanked everyone for attending, adjourning the meeting at 8:14 pm, which was unanimously approved to reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to §10-508 of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss personnel matters.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on **Wed., September 20, 2017** at the Administrative Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie J. Gross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Valerie J. Gross  
President & CEO