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September 9, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 3:30 PM on September 9, 2026. Those in attendance were Library Director, Amy Avolio; Board President, Jerry DeBrescia; Trustees: Bill Gross, Kristin Barron and Gina Bartholomew.

Due to concerns about a merger with Deposit Central School, the board discussed the possibility of becoming our own entity – separate from the school, village and town. The main concern being that under a new school district, there would be a new library board selected- what becomes of the building if they decide not to keep the Hancock Library, could it be sold? Also, the new district would not have an obligation in regard to the current agreement with Hancock Central School- What would happen to the library under a new board?

In addition to the above concerns, we discussed the Read Foundation and if it's even possible to break away from the school district under the current agreement.

To address these concerns, Jerry suggested setting up a meeting with Steve Bachman from 4CLS to go over options and explore how other libraries function (maintenance, bills, etc). Before the meeting, the board would compile a list of questions. TBD when this meeting will take place.

Bill motioned and Kristin seconded approving the following policies:
-Borrowing, Meeting Room, Volunteer, Records Confidentiality and Purchasing

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Bartholomew