JJML Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Call to Order: President Deger called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
Attending: Vice President Glass, Treasurer Curren Schmidt, Trustees Gibbs Harris, Obler, Wagner, and Executive Director Harris. Secretary Schiavoni joined the meeting at 6:23 pm. Absent: Trustee Frisicano

In Attendance: Wonda Miller, Al Coster, Thomas Little, Barbara Gerner, Alexandra McLaughlin (and children), and Karen Sperling.

Period of Public Expression: none

Presentation of Pathway to Success Scholarships: Thomas Little, Alexandra McLaughlin and Karen Sperling received their awards.

Presentation of Audit for FY 2025 by Al Coster of Baldessari and Coster: Al Coster reviewed the management letter and financial statements for fiscal year 2025 as prepared by Baldessari & Coster, the Library's external auditor. Treasurer Curren Schmidt motioned to accept the Management Letter & Financial Statements for FY 2025 as presented, Vice President Glass seconded, approved 7-0.

Approval of June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Vice President Glass, seconded by Gibbs Harris. Approved: 7-0.

Friends of the Library Report: The Friends are on hiatus during July & August. The membership renewal letters went out.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report delivered by Curren Schmidt as per the information supplied in the Board packet.

Gibbs Harris motioned and Obler seconded, approved 7-0 the following:

- **Financial Reports dated June 1 – June 30, 2026**
- **Bill Payment List:**
  - **Dime Operating Account:** Checks numbered 14936 through 14986 and dated 06/11/2026 to 07/14/2026 in the total amount of $77,200.74.
- **Payroll Warrants:**
  - *Payroll #12: Dated 06/12/26 for 05/27/26 - 06/09/26 in the amount of $50,486.04*
  - *Payroll #13: Dated 06/26/26 for 06/10/26 – 06/23/26 in the amount of $51,162.30*

Director's Report: Executive Director Harris provided her report, correspondence from Thomas Little thanking the Board for the scholarship, and statistics

Motion to approve personnel report by Gibbs Harris, seconded by Secretary Schiavoni, approved 7-0.

Committee Reports

- ***Personnel:*** no meeting

- ***Finance, Budget, Contracts & Legal:*** met to review proposed 2027 budget, discuss reinvesting in investment ladder and move $100,000.00 from Morgan Stanley to a Wells Fargo CD to ensure FDIC insurance.
- ***Building & Grounds:*** no meeting
- ***Policy & Long Range Planning:*** Met to discuss progress of Strategic Plan, will recommend adoption of ALA Anti-bigotry Statement. AI policy will be investigated.
- ***Mashashimuet Park Board:*** no report, as the Park Board meeting conflicted with the Library Board meeting.

Old Business

- **HVAC Update:** there was a humidity issue and brought in engineers to troubleshoot, the project punch list is being completed.
- **Trustee Training:** AI training successfully completed at JJML, upcoming training Fiduciary Responsibility Q&A with Al Coster on August 5th at Southold Library.

New Business:

- **FY 2027 Draft Budget:** Executive Director Harris, presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027. Vice President Glass motioned Gibbs Harris seconded the following resolution, approved 7-0.
    - WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GML) §3-c establishes a tax levy limit for all budgets approved by libraries that may require school districts to levy a tax on their behalf; and WHEREAS, the John Jermain Memorial Library's budget is governed by GML §3-c; and WHEREAS, GML §3-c authorizes the John Jermain Memorial Library Board of Trustees to exceed the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty (60%) percent of the qualified Trustees; and WHEREAS, the John Jermain Memorial Library's budget may result in a tax levy which exceeds the tax levy limit; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the John Jermain Memorial Library expressly permit the Library budget to exceed the tax levy limit set forth in GML §3-c; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the John Jermain Memorial Library adopts the proposed 2027 budget in the amount of $ 3,598,746 with the requisite portion thereof to be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Sag Harbor Union Free School District boundaries, subject to voter approval.

Period for Public Expression: none

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm by Vice President Glass, seconded by Obler, approved 7-0.

Next Board meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Wonda R. Miller, Assistant Director