

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY - Board of Trustees Meeting
January 26, 2026 Held February 2 due to snow**

Board members present: Judi DiLoreto, Kevin Quigley, Marie Manner, Phil Brandon, Cindy Neff, Steve Pavlopoulos, Francoise LeGoues, Gina Goodenow

Also present: Jill Davis, Director

Ms. LeGoues called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the November 24th, 2025 meeting were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. DiLoreto and seconded by Mr. Quigley; the motion carried (8-0).

FINANCES – Mrs. Davis

Budget to Date - reviewed.

Treasurer's Reports - reviewed.

Miscellaneous Income Reports – reviewed.

Schwab CD 2/2/26-Mrs. Davis will be speaking with Robert Graham from Schwab on Tuesday to discuss the terms and rates options available for the CD which matures on 2/2/2026. Mrs. Davis will relay the information to Ms. Goodenow and a decision will be made as to where to invest this money. (\$112,000 in an 18 month CD at 3.85% with interest issued semi-annually was chosen)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Directors Review

Executive Session

Called: 8:21 pm (Ms. LeGoues/Ms. Manner)

Personnel-Director's Review

Adjourned: 8:35 pm (Ms.DeLoreto/Mr. Pavlopoulos)

NEW BUSINESS

Starting Salaries

A **motion** to accept the 2026-2027 Suggested Starting Salaries was made by Mr. Pavlopoulos and seconded by Ms. LeGoues; motion carried unanimously (8-0).

2026-2027 Draft Budget

Mrs. Davis presented four possible budgets for consideration for the library's 2026-2027 fiscal year, with the corresponding levy amount to be voted on in May 2026. A **motion** to approve the proposed budget which reflected a 4.4% budget to budget increase-a tax levy of \$1,490,794; 4.9% levy to levy- was made by Ms. Goodenow and seconded by Mr. Brandon; motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Tax Cap Override Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2026-2027 budget for the Hendrick Hudson Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Hendrick Hudson Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for the 2026-2027 fiscal year by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 2, 2026.

Trustee Terms Expiring

A **motion** to extend Mr. Geisler's trustee term an additional 3-years, effective July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029, and allowing him to exceed the 3 term limit was made by Ms. Neff and seconded by Ms. Goodenow; motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Retirement Party Elise Landesberg

Mrs. Landesberg will be retiring with February 27th being her last day of employment. We will be having a celebration of her 30 years of service on February 20th. Please let Mrs. Davis know if you will be able to attend.

Composting with the Town of Cortlandt

The Town of Cortlandt Supervisor, Dr. Becker, reached out to the library to see if we would consider being an additional drop off location for community composting. The town would be responsible for the construction of a structure to house the compost bins and would schedule weekly (or more if needed) pick ups of the materials. This initiative fits with the library's position as a sustainable leader in the community. The board agreed to move forward

2026 Fundraising Events

The committee will meet in the Spring, but agreed that Bingo and Trivia should be scheduled events for 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Education Presentation

On March 11, 2026 all board members are invited to attend the library's presentation to the Hendrick Hudson Board of Education on the programs and services offered by the library to the community. At this presentation we will request that our levy be placed on the May 2026 ballot as a proposition. Please let Mrs. Davis know if you will be attending.

2FA

Two Factor Authentication is coming and libraries will need to have a plan/policy in place addressing how this will be handled. Many sites staff access (Zoom, banking etc.) require 2FA and some staff may be reluctant to use their personal devices to accept verification information.

Passport Agency End Date

We will no longer be able to process passport applications as of February 13, 2026. The Department of State has deemed non-profit libraries as non-governmental and therefore ineligible to be passport acceptance agencies.

Indie Pop Up Films

We have begun a partnership with Indie Films which allows us to show 4-5 documentary films each year. The first film is scheduled for February 25th at 6 pm and is entitled **The Inquisitor**. It is the story of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. There will be a panel discussion following the film. We will be doing a separate showing for students from the Hendrick Hudson High School.

Whistle-Blower Violations Report (April-September-**January**) none reported

Social Media Stats (February-June-October)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (January, May, September)

TRUSTEE TRAINING UPDATE (March, May, September, December)

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT- Ms. LeGoues adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 23rd -7:00 PM General Meeting