

Caro Area District Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 18 ,2026
5:00pm
Held at Caro Area District Library
840 W. Frank Street
Caro, MI 48723

Present: Senter, Riley, Branding, Seibert, Crutchfield, Smith, Director Schmandt.

Called to order at 5:00 by Crutchfield.

Crutchfield moved to amend the agenda to change the order of business, seconded by Senter.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: no one spoke.

The board approved the April 2026 board minutes as presented.

Director Schmandt's evaluation results were presented by Smith and Seibert. Discuss after presentation regarding a bonus for Director Schmandt.

Motion by Riley to table the discussion on the bonus for Director Schmandt. No second.

Motion by Crutchfield to give a bonus of \$9,000 to Director Schmandt, seconded by Senter.
Senter:yes, Siebert:yes, Smith:yes, Crutchfield:yes, Riley:no, Branding:yes. Motion passed.

Board Member Interviews: We had four letters of interest for the vacant library position due to the resignation of Hoy. Julie Walch and Mike Furgerson were the only two present for the interview.

Motion by Branding for Furgerson to join the library board, and a motion by Riley to have Walch join the board. No second needed. Siebert:Furgerson, Smith:Furgerson, Crutchfield:Furgerson, Branding:Furgerson, Riley:Walch, Senter:Walch. Furgerson had 4 votes and Walch 2 votes.
Furgerson will fill the vacant board position that runs until December of 2026.

Financial Report given by Schmandt.

The Librarian's Report was given by Schmandt.

Friends of the Library Report was given by Smith who was standing in for FOCAL member Petersen.

Motion by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm, seconded by Siebert. Motion carried.