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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room #1

Committee on Education

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:04.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee

Marilyn Jenkins, Executive Director of the Allegheny County Library Association

Ms. Hrivnak was present from the Library Association.

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Martoni, Michael Finnerty, John DeFazio and Sue Means

Members Absent: 2 - Tom Baker and Nick Futules

III. Approval of Minutes

[9163-15](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Education Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on April 15, 2015

A motion was made by Martoni, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[9156-15](#)

Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Resolution 17-05-RE in order to clarify requirements relating to the reporting of Internet and computer use by the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA).

Sponsors: Council Member Finnerty

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill.

The Chair explained his intent in introducing the bill and distributed ACLA's most recently filed FCC Form 479.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Ms. Hrivnak discussed the expense of maintaining internet filtering software, but noted that the software is required by Federal regulation for eligibility for significant federal funding. Ms. Hrivnak indicated that the streamlined reporting would save significant effort and staff time for the member libraries, and that there were no reports of incidents relating to internet filtering in the last calendar year, nor have there been significant issues during her tenure with the Association. Ms. Hrivnak noted that the member libraries maintain relationships with their local police departments, and that any incidents would be handled appropriately through those law enforcement channels. Ms. Hrivnak explained the funding streams that allow for internet filtering system administration and maintenance.

Mr. Martoni indicated his belief that this region has the best library system in the world, and that the region's libraries should be a source of significant pride.

The Chair noted that filing the FCC Form 479 is federally mandated.

A motion was made by Martoni, seconded by Means, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:12.