

**Deerfield Public Library  
Board Meeting  
April 24, 2009**

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

Present: Jeff Rivlin (Chairperson), Sunday Mueller, Ken Abosch, Library Director Mary Pergander, Business Manager Carol Dolin.

1) Suggestion for securing higher interest rates for Reserve Funds

Committee members recommend closing the unused Reserve Prime account ending in 8560 at Illinois Funds since it has not been in use for several years.

The committee will recommend to the full board to increase the money market SPECTRUM account at BankFinancial to \$225,000 (allowing for growth while maintaining an amount under the current \$250,000 FDIC ceiling. Further, that a review date be noted on the board calendar prior to any expected FDIC-level changes. Resolutions will be prepared for the board meeting.

Mr. Rivlin asked Ms. Pergander to confirm whether Illinois Funds are backed by the FDIC, and if not, how they are secured.

Mr. Rivlin will investigate the rating for BankFinancial.

The committee discussed the desirability of moving larger amounts of money into better interest-bearing vehicles with varying maturity periods. The committee will recommend to the board that up to \$900,000 additional Reserve money be moved from Illinois Fund into CDARS Certificates of Deposit in amounts not to exceed the then-current FDIC-insured limits and for periods of not greater than one year. Shorter maturities are also acceptable.

The committee will review the FDIC rules again in November.

The committee considered creating a parallel investment structure for the General Fund dollars not immediately needed for operations. To spread risk, rather than use CDARS the board will consider other similar programs at Harris, WinTrust or other financial institutions. The desired structure would include a money market account and a series of CDs.

2) Possible Hicks Grants program changes

Ms. Mueller suggested several changes to the Hicks Grants program. These include changing from an endowment-type to a term-type program, which could spend down the principal in addition to the interest. A ten-year term was discussed. The committee endorsed this for recommendation to the full board. The board would still use the criteria

to determine which employees obtain the Hicks Grants and in what amounts. Although the grants would not be limited to the interest available on the funds, the size of the grants would not necessarily increase.

3) Considerations for possible Stimulus Funding requests

Mr. Rivlin proposed several possible projects for stimulus funding requests. Ms. Pergander will ask the architects if it is feasible to purchase and install new air-handlers at this time. Ms. Pergander will re-send the Illinois library projects list to committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 6 pm.