



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2025**

Paul Travis called the special board meeting of the Bay County Library System Board of Trustees to order at 11:02 a.m. on October 9, 2025. The meeting was held in the Administration Board Room at the Wirt Branch Library, 500 Center Ave. Bay City, MI 48708.

Roll Call: Sherry Bledsoe, Mary Herr, Charlie Parke (Arrived at 11:12),  
Doug Stone, Paul Travis

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Kevin Ayala, Scott McLellan and Kirsten Wellnitz

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Input

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Purchase of Boiler Replacement at Wirt Branch**

K. Ayala and S. McLellan informed the board on the issue with the boiler and explained that parts are no longer available to simply fix the boiler and that a replacement is needed. They are recommending going with Gateway Refrigeration to do the removal and install of 2 new boilers, along with the other necessary additional cost.

S. Bledsoe asked S. McLellan questions pertaining to a boilers life expectancy, efficiency and cost savings of replacing both boilers instead of just one.

There was extensive conversation between the board on the replacement of just one boiler versus the replacement of both and the cost associated with the project.

**Motion by M. Herr, seconded by P. Travis, to approve the purchase of two replacement boilers.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**In Favor: Mary Herr, Paul Travis**

**Against: Sherry Bledsoe, Doug Stone, Charlie Parke**

**Motion Failed**

**Motion by C. Parke, seconded by D. Stone, to approve the purchase of one replacement boiler.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**In Favor: Sherry Bledsoe, Doug Stone, Charlie Parke**

**Against: Mary Herr, Paul Travis**

**Motion Passed**

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by M. Herr, seconded by S. Bledsoe, to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Motion carried.**

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Mary Herr  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Jolene Faber,  
Recording Secretary

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