A special meeting of the Racine Public Library Board of Trustees was held on March 30, 2016, at 4:30 PM at the Racine Public Library in the Emily Lee Room.

Board members Mollie Jones, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Brian O’Connell, Dwayne Olsen, Ahmad Qawi, Sandra Riekoff and Michele Woods were present. Board member Carole Johnson and James O’Hagan were excused. Board members Luisa Morales and Chris Terry were absent. Business Manager Dan Schultz and Library Director Jessica MacPhail were also present. Staff members Bob Margis, Corey Hayslett, Brian Giese and Darcy Mohr were present. City Attorney Scott Letteney was present. Reporters Janet Hoff (WRJN) and Mark Feldmann of the Journal-Times were present. Liam O’Connell was also present.

President Kaprelian-Becker called the special meeting to order at 4:30 PM. The sole item on the agenda was to decide on a course of action to sustain Mobile Library services due to present Mobile Library being in a vehicle accident.

Mr. Letteney informed the board that the city’s automobile insurance policy has a deductible of $50,000. He has not been in contact with the insurance company of the driver whose car hit the Mobile Library.

Ms. MacPhail gave information about the popularity of the Mobile Library service, which made up 11.8% of the total circulation of library materials in 2015.

One estimate for repairs was received. Information on the potential purchase of a used bookmobile was provided.

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Riekoff and seconded by Mr. Qawi to defer action until the next regular library board meeting on April 21, 2016 or before, and Ms. MacPhail was directed to provide more information by that time. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. O’Connell and seconded by Mr. Qawi to continue the Mobile Library staff hours at the main library, in accordance with the Emergency Closings policy. Motion carried.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica MacPhail
Recording Secretary