

Schultz-Holmes District Library Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes August 18, 2026

Trustees present: Ciara McGrane, Blair Meads, Greg Brown, Debra Rogers, Christine Burtle, Shelly DeVantier

Also present: Bob Barringer

Trustees absent: Karen Waggoner

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Schultz-Holmes District Library Board was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by President Ciara McGrane at 6:01pm.

President Ciara McGrane called for public comment. No public comment was offered.

President Ciara McGrane presented additional information on personnel changes she requested Director Barringer to include in the draft budget presented to the Board. It is being proposed to move the Administrative Services Coordinator position, currently held by Breandan Gunner, from part-time to full-time. Library residents have been requesting additional/extended programs and different time offerings. The library staff is currently at capacity and cannot add or extend programs with current staffing. There are also several projects, such as digitizing past yearbooks and offering a digital version of The Advance, that cannot be completed with staffing limitations. President McGrane noted that SHDL is below the average for Class III libraries for full-time staff.

President McGrane has also recommended a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to keep up with the rate of inflation, which is projected to be approximately 3.5% in 2027. President McGrane noted that with these changes, the percentage of operating expenses dedicated to personnel costs would still be 5% less than the average.

Director Barringer provided an overview of the budget, and noted we are expecting an increase in tax revenue. An expense line item for StoryWalk has been added per Board request.

President Ciara McGrane called for public comment. Jackie Bates commented on the recent Fire Department millage.

Adjourned at 6:58