

**Deerfield Public Library  
Board Meeting  
January 14, 2009**

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 4:55.

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

Mr. Rivlin commended Ms. Dolin and asked that the summary of library bank accounts, prepared by Ms. Dolin for this meeting, be included in the board packet for the regular meeting.

Also, resolutions based on the outcome of this committee meeting should be brought to the regular meeting of the board.

Both the General and Reserve Illinois Fund accounts are earning less than 1% interest.

There are two local means for investing in multiple CDs with cover by FDIC even for total investments over \$100,000 (\$250,000 this year). These include Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS), which uses an alliance of banks to distribute the money across many banks with one simplified statement to the depositor, and a similar arrangement at WinTrust banks, distributed only across their banks through a similar program. These options were discussed and compared.

Mr. Rivlin reviewed ratings of various banks and investment vehicles.

Of the two local options considered, one received a higher rating than the other in a recent professional rating service.

Mr. Rivlin presented two options for consideration for presentation to the full board:  
PLAN A: Open a CDARS account at Bank Financial. Transfer \$300 from the Reserve Prime Fund account at Illinois Funds and distribute as follows: \$150,000 to a 6 month CD, and \$150,000 to a one year CD.

PLAN B: Place some funds from the Reserve Prime account at Illinois Funds in a CD (SPECTRUM) at Bank Financial, being cautious of the FDIC limitations for insuring the invested funds.

He asked Ms. Pergander to identify how Bank Financial counts these totals in meeting the FDIC limits.

Ms. Mueller and Mr. Abosch endorsed Plan A, due to the benefits of the simplified administration of the CDARS option, as a first foray into these investments.

Mr. Rivlin next made a recommendation to close the petty cash and deposit accounts at First Bank in Deerfield, and to open a new petty cash and a new deposit account at Bank Financial in Deerfield. This action is requested because First Bank is moving out of their convenient Deerfield location. Mr. Abosch and Ms. Mueller concurred.

These recommendations will be presented to the full board, and resolutions written for board approval.

There were also two recommendations for future action:

Consider placement of some of the Hicks Grants funds into a \$10,000 CD to earn improved interest. This will be considered at the February meeting of the full board.

There was also a recommendation to consider the best alternatives for transferring the Reserve funds to the CDARS program.

The meeting adjourned.