

Last night, April 10, I attended the board meeting of the Plattekill Library. They put me first on the Agenda under Public be Heard (I was the only public).

- I thanked them for director Darren Lansprey's participation in Advocacy Day and told them we still didn't know the Budget.
- I explained how important the State budget is to the MHLS budget, and I reminded them that the libraries' contributions to MHLS are determined by a formula the DA made and approved.
- Since Approval of the MOU was at the end of the Agenda I spoke about why it was coming to them as an improvement of the system—clarifying the existing relationship between libraries and the system. I told them to expect to review it every few years on a regular basis to continue the open communications between the system and its members.
- Also on the agenda was an announcement of the upcoming MHLS webinar on State Aid for Library Construction on April 24. In connection with this I spoke of the convenience of getting our required Trustee training from Niche Academy. There was a question about how MHLS divides up the construction grants money among libraries in the system that are applying, especially the point system. They are pretty familiar with the system since they have gotten grants within the memory of some of the present Board members.

Thanks,

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