

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Hearing

October 12, 2021

7:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order – 7:33 P.M.

Present: Robert Booz, Jane Eriksen, David Foster, Luanne Hanley, Eric Infeld, Lynn Johnson, Maya Liss, Anne Mueller, David Turley. Also attending Christine Michaud, Library Director

Topic: Adopting Policy for Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Public Hearing started at 7:33.

Bob Booz reviewed notice of the meeting that had been published.

Bob Booz reviewed information about Children’s Internet Protection Act:

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was enacted by Congress in 2000 to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet. CIPA imposes certain requirements on schools or libraries that receive discounts for Internet access or internal connections through the E-rate program – a program that makes certain communications services and products more affordable for eligible schools and libraries. In early 2001, the FCC issued rules implementing CIPA and provided updates to those rules in 2011.

What CIPA requires

Schools and libraries subject to CIPA may not receive the discounts offered by the E-rate program unless they certify that they have an Internet safety policy that includes technology protection measures. The protection measures must block or filter Internet access to pictures that are: (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors). Before adopting this Internet safety policy, schools and libraries must provide reasonable notice and hold at least one public hearing or meeting to address the proposal.

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>

Comments: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

This meeting was held using videoconference and recorded to comply with public meeting requirements. Recording is available at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/45i2VRbs4841vHPotwrEXPS7jgmmSMjUAn6OHUwGUv3nE3R9aRtbkNKBCDq7Rp6V.Dme2dNJF46wUbp2y>

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Respectfully submitted.

Eric J. Infeld

Recording Secretary