

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance and Legal Committee DATE: February 15, 2006

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley STAFF CONTACT: L. Paul
E. Sadlowski

Attendees:

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley (Chairperson)	Staff:
Trustee C. Wiebe (Committee member)	L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
Trustee M. Baxter (Acting Committee member)	E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance
Absent: Trustee R. Cacchioni (Committee member)	M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	No representative	COTA	Bob Shanks, President
COPVPA	Scott McLean, President	CUPE	Robbie Borden, Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes

Note: Detailed Minutes of the Committee meetings are available upon request. To obtain copies of Minutes of the Finance and Legal Services Committee Meetings, please phone the office of the Secretary-Treasurer at 470-3216.

The Committee adopted the Minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting.

2005/2006 Amended Annual Budget

The Director of Finance provided information to the Committee on the 2005/2006 Amended Annual Budget.

The Amended Budget Bylaw for \$144,372,850 incorporates a number of new initiatives approved in the spring including:

iLearn Project	\$2,030,000.00
Intermediate Class Size Reduction	600,000.00
Special Education Funding	1,140,000.00
Improvements to Library Services	432,000.00
Discretionary Spending to Schools	420,000.00
Increase Maintenance Staffing	390,000.00
Increase Clerical Support	312,000.00
Reinstate Family Life Program	300,000.00
The Learning Centre	250,000.00
Administrative Staffing	150,000.00
Implement Department Heads	150,000.00
Teachers on Call Staffing	80,000.00
Support for training conferences	55,800.00
OKM Secondary Portable	40,000.00
Excluded Staffing	<u>25,000.00</u>
 Total Increase 2005-2006	 <u>\$6,374,800.00</u>

Despite increases in all levels of staffing, overall costs of salaries and benefits have reduced from 2004/2005 as a result of the BCTF strike in Oct/05. Savings realized due to this were recovered from the Ministry with some of the funds being redistributed in the form of learning resource grants and supplemental staffing grants.

The projected unappropriated budget surplus is \$ 3,086,427.

Outcome:

THAT: The 2005/2006 Amended Annual Budget, as presented at the February 15, 2006 Finance and Legal Committee Meeting, be referred to the Board for approval.

Confirm Future Finance and Legal Committee Meetings

Outcome:

The Committee decided to keep the March 2, 2006 date at 1:00 p.m. for a regular Public Committee Meeting and cancel the tentative March 29, 2006 meeting date.

Outcome:

The Director of Finance will send out to Trustees and partner groups a review of the upcoming Finance and Legal Committee meetings and will also place information on the School District website.

Finance Committee Policy

The Committee discussed the proposed draft.

Trustee Baxter suggested 5.1 include "Board Policy".

Outcome:

THAT: Policy 160 – Finance and Legal Committee as presented at the February 15, 2006 Finance and Legal Committee Meeting, with the amendment to 5.1, be referred to the Board for approval, with the proviso that there be a discussion on Section 3 Budget Functions with the incoming Superintendent.

Future Finance and Legal Committee Meetings

Next Finance and Legal Committee Meeting:

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Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at School Board Office

Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at School Board Office

Items for Future Agenda

Next Committee Meeting Date: Mar. 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. Location: School Board Office Board Room

Questions: Please Contact: Trustee Anna Hunt-Binkley Phone: (250) 766-5690