

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance and Legal Committee Meeting DATE: April 6, 2016
CHAIRPERSON: Trustee L. Mossman STAFF CONTACT: E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance

*The Committee Chairperson acknowledged that the meeting was being held
on the Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.*

Attendees:

Board of Education:
Trustee L. Mossman (Chairperson)
Trustee R. Cacchioni (Committee Member)
Trustee C. Gorman (Committee Member) (*absent*)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee D. Butler (Acting Committee Member)

Staff:
E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance (*arrived at 6:42pm*)
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
M. Essler, Executive Assistant
H. Wendt, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
COPAC	Rick Davidson, Member at Large
COPVPA	Mike Dornian, Treasurer
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President
District Student Council	No representative

Agenda/Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Trustee Butler was appointed Acting Committee Member in the absence of Trustee Gorman.

Add: New material was provided for Information Item 7.1: "Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Presentation".

April 6, 2016 Agenda – approved as amended.

Reports/Matters Arising

February 17, 2016 Committee Report – received as presented.

Recognition/Presentations/Delegation

Central Okanagan School District Aboriginal Education Council (AEC)

Chris Derickson, Chair of the Aboriginal Education Council, provided a presentation to the Committee regarding the Aboriginal Program budget recommendations from the AEC pertaining to targeted funding and outlined the suggested funding allocations. As well, the Central Okanagan School District was asked to explore providing additional funding for administrative support. There are currently more than 2,400 students in the program, with one District Principal overseeing the administration of the entire program and consideration for funding for a vice-principal to provide added support is being requested. The current graduation rate is 75% and in order to continue the investment made thus far in the Aboriginal program, the requested allocations would be a great step in continuing the success of the program.

Information Items

Superintendent of Schools/CEO Budget Presentation

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reviewed the preliminary budget proposal for the 2016/2017 school year. While it was thought that initial funding pressures would be \$3.6 million, the amount increased to \$5.2 million after funding distributions, which were far less than previously discussed, were released by the Ministry of Education in March. Subsequent discussions with Ministry officials garnered additional funding, which resulted in a \$3.2 million shortfall overall. While the Central Okanagan School District has been shown to be a high performing, efficiently run, growing school district, the various Ministry funding formulae have now identified the need to reduce services to students in order to balance the budget.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reviewed the factors that contributed to the \$3.2 million shortfall and outlined the detailed descriptions of the proposals for budget adjustments. Overall, the funding is proving insufficient to meet the cost of continuing all existing services to students.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO strongly encouraged the District's partner groups to provide input pertaining to the preliminary budget proposals as presented in order to ensure the best model for revenue generation and savings is put forward. The suggestions and applicable savings or costs as a result of those suggestions will be discussed with the partner groups and will be considered in conjunction with District senior staff prior to providing the updated budget proposals. A public response will be provided for all of the ideas presented by the partner groups. The budget is not finalized by the Board until the June 22, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

Outcome

The Committee will receive budget proposal updates and a recommendation at the April 20, 2016 Finance and Legal Committee Meeting.

Meeting Schedule

April 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm	May 18, 2016 at 1:00 pm	June 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm
September 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm	October 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm	November 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm

Items for Future Finance and Legal Committee Meetings

- Update – 2012 and 2014 Deloitte Reports - Ministry of Education (*May 18, 2016 Finance and Legal Committee Meeting*)
- Funding for Syrian Refugees (*May 18, 2016 Finance and Legal Committee Meeting*)

April (2 nd meeting)	May	June
- Central Okanagan School District Preliminary Budget Proposal – Superintendent’s Preliminary Budget Recommendations - Trustee Indemnity for the Fiscal Year`	- Auditor’s Report to the Finance Committee – Initial Communication on Audit Planning for the Year - Annual CommunityLINK Allocations - Trustee Travel Expenses - Financial Update – International Education Program - Review of Policy 425 and Regulations 425R - Student Fees	- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year - Finance and Legal Committee – Review of Mandate, Purpose and Function

Questions – Please Contact:

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Lee Mossman, Chairperson