

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance and Legal Committee DATE: June 20, 2012

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee C. Gorman STAFF CONTACT: L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance

Attendees:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Pendharkar (Acting Chairperson)

Trustee J. Fraser (Committee Member)

Trustee D. Butler

Trustee R. Cacchioni

Trustee C. Gorman (Chairperson) - *attended via Teleconference*

Staff:

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance

H. Gloster, Superintendent

B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (*Recorder*)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC No representative

COTA Susan Bauhart, 1st Vice-President

COPVPA No representative

CUPE Bill Zeman, President, and Darcy Egeland – Shop Steward (*joined the meeting at 7:12 pm*)

District Student Council No representative

Reports/Matters Arising

Amendment: Information Item #1 – Review of Policy 425 and 425R (Regulations) “Student Fees” – 3rd sentence to read “The government has enabled legislation that supports charging fees for specialty academies, which allow districts to provide unique course offerings”.

May 16, 2012 Committee Report – received as amended.

Discussion/Action Items

1. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2012/2013

The Director of Finance reviewed the information contained within the report and outlined the differences in reporting due to the province’s move to a new financial reporting requirement. With the new financial disclosures, districts may be showing a Capital deficit budget, depending on capital asset increase/decrease.

Since the preliminary budget presentation in April, school funding allocations have been confirmed and Learning Improvement Funds have been dedicated. Other funding commitments have been deducted from the District’s surplus funds, including supplementing requests received from schools for Learning Improvement Funds (LIF) which exceeded the amount of the LIF. Some Ministry grants, which traditionally have been a part of the overall operating grant, have now been dedicated by the Ministry as “special purpose” funds, e.g. Learning Improvement, StrongStart, Ready, Set, Learn and funding for French Programs. Committee members discussed the information provided.

Outcome

The Committee recommended that the Board of Education give first, second and third readings and final adoption at the June 27, 2012 Public Board Meeting of the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 in the amount of \$211,693,695.

Information Items

1. Whistleblower Services

The committee reviewed the information provided. This item will be forwarded to the Board of Education as an Information Item on the June 27, 2012 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

Meeting Schedule

September 19, 2012 (1:00 pm)

October 17, 2012 (6:30 pm)

November 21, 2012 (1:00 pm)

Recommendations/Referrals To the Board/Coordinating Committee/Other Committees

Future Public Board Meeting Action Item:

- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Future Public Board Meeting Information Item:

- Whistleblower Services

Items for Future Finance and Legal Committee Meetings

- Budget Planning Process (*October 17, 2012*)

Questions – Please Contact:

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