



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

TRUSTEES: A. Murphy, C. Dixon, D. Simon, S. Gascon, R. Farrell

STAFF: P. Dubinsky, M. McLellan, A. Davidson

GUESTS: K. Greenhalf (ALTA), Barb White (CUPE), JD Mah, Rachael Lesosky, Valley Voice

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Sinixt Peoples, and we honour their ongoing presence on the land.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

Item 10B SOFI Report will be removed from the agenda.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.09.26-1

THAT the agenda for this September 26, 2023 meeting is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.09.26-2

THAT the minutes from the meeting held in public on September 19, 2023, are **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Superintendent's Report

Nil

7. Trustee, Committee and Organization Reports

Nil

8. Financial Report

The financial report to the Board will consist of the audited annual financial statements and related documents.

9. Unfinished Business

Nil

10. New Business

A. 2022-2023 Annual Financial Reports – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

- 2020-2021 Financial Statements (Audited)
- 2020-2021 Financial Statements Discussion and Analysis
- Surplus Restrictions and Carry-Forwards
- Audit Report

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan shared the financial statements with the Board and provided explanations around the financial results on each schedule and statement.

He noted that there was a surplus as compared to the small deficit projected in the original budget, that there was significant additional funding received by the District and major new expenses from settlement with both unions, since the Board adopted its budget for the year in spring of 2022.

He described the various capital projects completed during the year, which appear as capital investments and deferred capital contributions on the scheduled, including the \$1.7 million phased HVAC project at Nakusp Secondary, electric bus purchases and NELCC childcare centre construction.

A Trustee asked questions about Indigenous Education expenses, and differences in results of certain programs as compared with budget, which were answered.

Superintendent Dubinsky noted the annual surpluses were being used as enrolment estimates and budget planning are improving.

Auditor David Bond presented an audit report presentation, which described the approaches taken during the audit, and the auditor's findings.

Upon motions duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.09.26-3

THAT the Board of Education **APPROVE** the updated 2023-2024 Surplus Restrictions as proposed;
and

THAT the Board of Education **APPROVE** the Audited Financial Statements and Financial Discussion & Analysis for the year ended June 30, 2023.

B. Item Removed.

C. 2023-2024 Executive Compensation Philosophy

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan noted that the Board is required to adopt its executive compensation philosophy annually.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.09.26-4

THAT the Board of Education **ADOPT** the 2023-2024 Executive Compensation Philosophy.

D. 2023-2024 Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan explained that Board resolutions are required to approve submissions by the District for both the 2023-2024 Minor Capital Plan and 2024-2025 Minor Capital Plan. For the 2023-2024 Minor Capital Plan, it is an additional resolution authorizing the District to submit the additional requests for the Food Infrastructure Program and eBus Charging Station capital funding.

A Trustee raised the issue as to pricing and costs to complete for capital projects, which seem elevated compared to what a non-public sector individual or organization might obtain. Secretary-Treasurer McLellan responded that for most larger capital projects in the minor capital program, the District awards projects based on estimates prepared by engineers, and projects are put out to tender.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.09.26-5

THAT, in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education hereby approves the proposed additions/amendments to the Board's 2023-2024 Minor Capital Programs submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

E. 2024-2025 Capital Plan – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.09.26-6

THAT, in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education hereby approves the 2024-2025 Minor Capital Programs submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

11. Next Meeting Dates

- A. Meeting of the Board in Public: October 17, 2023
- B. Meeting of the Board in Public: November 21, 2023

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM