

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2022

PUBLIC MEETING

Roll call:

Trustees:	Staff:
J. Brown	K. Burra, Director of Education
G. Elliott	S. Gillam, Superintendent of Education, Learning for all & Indigenous Ed
L. French	P. Gollogly, Associate Superintendent, Safe and Caring Schools
T. Gingrich (Vice-Chair)	S. Sartor, Associate Superintendent, School Effectiveness and Assessment
B. Godkin-regrets	J. Silver, Superintendent of Education
R. Hutcheon	S. Hedderson, Associate Superintendent of Education
K. McGregor	S. McWilliams, Superintendent of HR
J. Morning	C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services
S. Ruttan (Chair)	C. Carson , Manager of Financial Services
S. Johnson (Student Trustee)- regrets	
T. Duncan (Student Trustee)-regrets	
B. Roy (Student Trustee)	
	Recorder:
	D. Burns, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gingrich called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed Trustees, Senior Staff, and the viewing public.

Chair Gingrich read the Land Acknowledgement: “The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Gingrich asked for any additions or objections to the agenda. There were none.

MOVED BY: Trustee McGregor, that the agenda, as presented, be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1. 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating Expenditures, C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services

Superintendent Young thanked Manager Carson and the Finance team for the work on the budget reports.

Manager Carson presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating Expenditures.

Classroom teachers have increased \$3,160,056 or 2.37%.

Supply staff has increased \$6,080 or .08%.

Educational assistants have decreased \$366,063 or 2.15%.

Early childhood educators have decreased \$88,883 or 1.81%.

Textbooks and supplies have decreased 254,323 or 4.40%.

Computers have decreased \$403,758 or 8.84%.

Professionals, paraprofessionals, and technicians have decreased \$197,186 or 2.04%.

Library and Guidance have increased \$67,837 or 2.29%.

Staff development has decreased \$143,336 or 11.78%.

Department heads have decreased \$9,539 or 2.99%.

Principals and Vice Principals have increased \$69,911 or 0.61%.

School office has increased \$115,680 or 1.73%.

Co-ordinators and program teacher support has decreased \$149,677 or 3.91%.

Continuing education has increased \$570,737 or 32.66%.

Trustees have increased \$16,647 or 10.66%.

Board administration has decreased \$14,410 or 0.20%.

Transportation has increased \$1,430,464 or 7.89%.

School operations and maintenance have decreased \$475,518 or 1.70%.

Other Non-Operating has decreased \$5,849,027 or 76.65%.

The 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating Budget Expenditures are \$270,898,092 exceed the preliminary operation revenues of \$2,525,804 or .92%.

The 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating expenditures of \$270,898,092 exceed the 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating revenues of \$268,843,493 by \$2,054,599.

Superintendent Young provided additional clarity regarding specific programs. Total expenses for Indigenous Education are \$2,098,951. The Ministry does not fund Equity and Inclusion as a separate line item. The total expenses for Equity and Inclusion are \$478,435. This includes Human Rights Officer, Program Teacher Supports, School Climate Equity Focused and Resources and professional development. The Trustees and results from the Budget Survey show how important Special Education is to the system. The total expenses for Special Education and Mental Health are \$7,829,585. The total expenses for Programs Supported by Accumulated Surplus are \$2,054,599. A deficit budget needs to be funded from accumulated surplus. The Human Rights Officer position is not funded by the Ministry for LDSB. This is an important position to LDSB so will be funded through surplus spending again this year. An Equity and inclusion teacher, VOIP retrofit, additional IT devices and technology, and support for transportation deficits.

As required by the Ministry we need to submit a deficit elimination plan. That needs to be approved by Trustees. For the last number of years, the requirement to submit a deficit elimination plan has been waived. It is the only way for school boards to be able to use their accumulated surplus. At the start of this year, we had approximately \$21 million in accumulated surplus, for us to draw that down and provide supports we must provide a deficit elimination plan. The plan will be brought forward in the next board meeting for Trustees to review and approve.

There was a question at the last budget meeting regarding the difference in the revenues for 2021-22 versus 2022-23. There has been an increase of \$19,000 in funding over last year. This is a status quo year.

4.2. 2022-2023 Preliminary Capital Budget – Revenues and Expenditures, C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services

Manager Carson presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Capital Budget-Revenues and Expenditures. Capital Revenues of \$24,286,134 are balanced to the Capital Expenditures of \$24,286,134. For 2022-2023 the School Renewal allocation is \$4,245,163. The School Condition Improvement allocation is \$16,751,791.

Superintendent Young noted the various categories for large budget items. We are required to do some breakdowns. A detailed report will come forward in January 2023 for Trustees approval which will match the revenue numbers.

Chair Gingrich thanked Superintendent Young and Manager Carson for the reports and asked for any questions on the reports.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. 2022-2023 Consolidated Budget and Recommendation to the Board for Approval, C. Young, Superintendent of Business Services

Manager Carson presented the 2022-2023 Consolidated Budget and Recommendation to the Board for Approval.

The 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating Budget Revenue totaling \$268,853,876 was presented at the June 1, 2022, Budget Committee meeting. The 2022-2023 Preliminary Operating Budget Expenditures totalling \$270,898,092 was just presented. We have just presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Capital Budget Revenues and Expenditures, each totalling \$24,286,134.

The Ministry requires school boards to present a consolidated PSAB budget.

Our operating revenue is \$268,843,493 and our capital revenue is \$24,286,134. We have PSAB adjustments for capital, school generated funds and amortization of future employee benefits. We also have similar adjustments to our operating expenses of \$270,898,092 and our capital expenses of \$24,286,134. This results in a PSAB deficit of \$2,195,388.

Compliance report excludes some of the PSAB adjustments such as school generated funds, leaving us with a deficit of \$2,094,805 for compliance purposes.

This is a compliant budget. The deficit is within 1% of our operating revenues which makes this budget compliant.

Superintendent Young noted the recommendation at the end of report. Chair Gingrich thanked Superintendent Young and Manager Carson for the report and asked for any questions on the report presented.

MOTION: That upon Ministry approval, the Board approve the 2022-2023 Budget prepared on a PSAB basis with total revenues of \$289,630,244 and total expenditures of \$291,825,632.

MOVED BY: Trustee Elliott.

Chair Gingrich asked if there were any objections to the motion, there were no objections to the Motion as presented. All in favour, carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

7. NEXT MEETING

Chair Gingrich noted the tentative meeting scheduled for June 13, 2022, would not be needed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gingrich asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY: Trustee McGregor, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.