

**Committee of the Whole Board (Budget)
Meeting Minutes
Limestone District School Board**

June 8, 2015

Members/ Trustees: P. Murray - Chair
E. Crawford
W. Garrod
L. French
D. Jackson - regrets
T. Mahoney
K. McGregor – via teleconference
M. McCormac (Student Trustee)
A. Ross
S. Ruttan
P. van Herpt (Student Trustee) - regrets

Officials: P. Babin, Superintendent of Business Services
K. Burra, Superintendent of Equity & Inclusion and Program - regrets
J. Douglas, Communications Officer - regrets
D. Fowler, Manager of Facility Services – regrets
B. Fraser-Stiff, Superintendent of Education
T. Giles, Supervising Principal, School Effectiveness - regrets
B. Hunter, Director of Education
A. Labrie, Superintendent of Human Resources
S. Lehman, Supervising Principal, Student Success & IT - regrets
A. McDonnell, Supervising Principal, Special Education
M. Baumann, Manager of Business Services
S. McWilliams, Manager of Human Resources - regrets
J. Silver, Supervising Principal of Safe & Caring Schools - regrets
W. Toms, Manager of ITS and Planning Officer – regrets

Guests:

Recorder: L. Strange, Records Management Coordinator

Trustee Murray, as Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and welcomed all those present.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY: Trustee Ross, seconded by Trustee Crawford, that the agenda of June 8, 2015, as presented, be approved. Carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared.

Motion to Private Session

MOTION: To move into Private Session.

MOVED BY: Trustee Ross, Seconded by Trustee Garrod. Carried.

The meeting recessed to Private Session at 6:02 pm.

Information Items

1. Legal Matters & Fees

The members discussed Legal Matters & Fees.

2. Staffing Changes -Special Education

The members discussed Staffing Changes for Special Education.

Report to Public Session

MOTION: That the Committee of the Whole Board (Budget) rise and report, and that the resolutions, as noted above, be made public.

MOVED BY: Trustee Ruttan, seconded by Trustee Ross. Carried.

The Board moved into Public Session at 6:15 p.m.

Budget Deliberations

Superintendent Babin provided a reminder of the recent budget meeting dates and the focus of discussion:

- 2015-2016 Preliminary Operating Budget –Revenues –Presented on May 11, 2015
- 2015-2016 Preliminary Operating Budget –Expenditures –Presented on June 1, 2015
- 2015-2016 Preliminary Capital Budget –Revenue & Expenditures –Presented on June 1, 2015

Trustee Ross asked for further clarity on how the LDSB will be able to manage the reduction to Special Education funding without laying off staff. Superintendent Labrie provided an overview of the annual staffing process, and how staff may be declared surplus to their school. Through the central staffing table every effort is made to get surplus staff back work.

Specifically for the EA positions affected by the Special Education funding reductions, job loss will be mitigated through a number of retirements and staff leaves. Any staff still without a placement at this point will be put on the long-term placement list.

Further, in the current collective agreement 20 EAs are not to be filled on a permanent basis (casuals), allowing for flexibility if the LDSB were to lose a position mid-

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year. In such an occurrence a permanent staff would bump into a casual position. At the time of the funding reduction announcement the LDSB had 40 vacant positions.

Other Business

Trustees were reminded that Superintendent Babin can always be reached directly to answer specific questions about the budget process, reporting and the funding model. The full budget in PSAB format will be presented to the Committee of the Whole Board (Budget) at the June 15, 2015, and it is expected that a recommendation will be made at the June 17, 2015 Board meeting for final approval.

Next Meeting Dates

- Monday, June 15, 2015 6:00 p.m. Agenda
- Presentation of 2015-2016 PSAB Consolidated Budget
 - 2015-2016 Budget Recommendation to the Board

Adjournment

Trustee Murray called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*MOVED BY: Trustee Garrod, seconded by Trustee Ross, that the meeting adjourn.
Carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.