

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting via MS Teams

Present: Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (A/Committee Chair)
Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Committee Member)
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee Member)
Harold Cull, Secretary Treasurer
Paul Block, Deputy Superintendent
Ed Berlando, STA
Trudy Court, CUPE
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Michelle Brennan, SPEAC
Windy Beadall, A/Associate Superintendent
Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Randy Cobb, Manager, Transportation
Nicole Gestwa, IT

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by the Committee Chair, who acknowledged that we are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation and acknowledge the three nation SD 62 works with directly in our schools; Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

2. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated May 9, 2023, at its Public Board Meeting dated May 23, 2023.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

4. **BUSINESS**

4.1 24/25 Capital Plan Submission – Harold Cull

The Committee was provided the updated long-range enrolment estimates with the estimated amount of deficit seats in 2027 and 2032. Based on these estimates, the Committee discussed the different approaches being considered of building new schools, expanding existing schools



and a combination of projects into bundles. Staff proposed, and the Committee agreed, to present the full capital plan submission to the Board at their June 27th meeting for review and consideration.

4.2 22/23 Operating Surplus Use – Harold Cull

Staff presented a proposal to temporarily reduce the unrestricted operating reserve balance to 1% for the 23/24 year-end only with any residual reserve amount being restricted for space mitigation strategies. The Committee supports the following motions going forward to the Board for their consideration:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) approve a temporary decrease of the unrestricted operating surplus to an amount of 1% of the operating budget as at June 30, 2023 with any residual surplus to be restricted for space mitigation costs.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) direct staff to write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care requesting the Ministry to fully fund the purchase of portables for growing districts in order to preserve operating funding for the educational purposes for which it was intended.

1.3 Inflation Financial Framework – David Lee-Bonar

Staff outlined the challenges that inflation has on the operating budget of the District. Staff estimate that a standard inflation rate of 2% has an annual \$300,000 negative impact on our budget. Staff will develop mitigation strategies to address the inflationary impacts on the budget for use during the 24/25 budget development process.

1.4 23/24 Bus Routes Update – Randy Cobb

Staff provided an update on the 23/24 Bus Routes to the Resources Committee. At present there are approximately 3800 registered students being assigned to routes with about 200 late registrations received to date. The goal of having the students notified of their routes by the end of June looks reasonable. A total of 41 routes are planned for next year. The Committee asked several questions about the number of drivers and routes and expressed their appreciation of the Transportation Department's strong work.

4.5 Feeding Futures School Food Program – David Strange

Staff provided an update on the planning for the Feeding Futures School Program in 23/24



and that the program will be managed through existing staff. The Committee asked questions about what can be used with the funding and the important impacts this funding will have on our students. The Committee was also supported of how the program will be coordinated from a staffing perspective and also supportive of the following motion going forward to the Board:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Feeding Futures report as presented at the June 13, 2023 Resources Committee Meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

