

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2025

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Staff:
R. Hutcheon (Chair) B. Godkin (Vice-Chair) G. Elliott-regrets J. Morning K. McGregor S. Ruttan T. Lloyd	K. Burra, Director of Education C. Young, Superintendent of Corporate Services P. Carson, Manager of Financial Services L. Benjamin, Assistant Manager of Financial Services J. Silver, Superintendent of K-12 Curriculum & Program Services
J. Neill J. Maracle	Recorder and Producer:
C. Scott	D. Burns, Administrative Assistant S. Shaw, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Godkin called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm. Chair Godkin noted that the Acknowledgement of Territory was read earlier during the Education, Policy, and Operations Committee meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Godkin asked for any additions or objections to the agenda. There were no additions or objections

MOTION: That the Agenda as presented be accepted.

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

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 2025-2026 Preliminary Operating Budget Revenue

P. Carson presented the 2025-2026 Preliminary Operating Budget Revenue. The preliminary operating revenue is not yet presented on a full Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) basis. It excludes School Generated Funds at an estimated amount of \$6.4M and Charitable Trust donations at an estimated

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amount of \$161,000. These components as well as the capital revenue estimates will be incorporated at the June 11 meeting.

The 2025-2026 preliminary operating revenue is presented alongside the 2024-2025 revised estimates and 2024-2025 estimates for comparison purposes. The projected enrolment of 20,711 ADE reflects an overall increase of 55 ADE from the 2024-2025 Revised Estimates.

Adult education, continuing education, literacy and numeracy, and summer school enrolment is projected at 341 ADE.

Core Education Funding or Core Ed operating allocations have increased \$5.5M or 1.8% in total.

The Classroom Staffing Fund allocation has increased \$3.7M or 2.4%. The Classroom Staffing Fund provides school boards with funding to support the majority of staffing in the classroom for all students.

The Learning Resources Fund has increased \$400,000 or 0.8%. The Learning Resources Fund supports the costs of staffing typically required outside the classroom to support student needs.

Special Education Fund allocation has decreased \$0.9M or 2.3%. The Special Education Fund supports positive outcomes for students with special education needs.

School Facilities Fund allocation has increased \$0.8M or 2.7%. The School Facilities Fund supports operating (including cleaning and utilities), maintaining, renovating, and renewing school buildings.

Student Transportation Fund allocation has increased \$0.5M or 2.3%. The Student Transportation Fund supports the transportation of students between home and school.

The School Board Administration Fund allocation has increased \$1.1M or 14.3%. The School Board Administration Fund supports governance and administration costs for the operation of the school board, including its board offices and facilities, as well as for parent engagement activities.

Other Government Grants have decreased \$1M or 19.9%.

Other Revenues have decreased \$1M or 15.1%.

Total operating revenue was increased by \$3.4M or 1.1%.

Superintendent Young extended thanks to the Finance team for their hard work over the last week and weekend in preparing the report. Superintendent Young made closing remarks with regards to the report.

Chair Godkin asked for any questions on the report, discussion ensued.

Chair Godkin thanked Manager Carson for the Report.

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

6. NEXT MEETING

Chair Godkin noted the upcoming Budget Committee meeting on June 11.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

MOVED BY: Trustee Lloyd that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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