



June 1, 2022

Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich)

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held virtually on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDEES

Chair: Tim Dunford
Vice-Chair: Teri VanWell
Trustee: Alicia Holman, regrets
Trustee: Elsie McMurphy
Trustee: Nola Silzer
Trustee: Sheila Stelck
Superintendent of Schools: Dave Eberwein
Secretary Treasurer: Jason Reid
Assistant Superintendent: Paul McKenzie
Director of Instruction: Carly Hunter
Director of Instruction: Monica Braniff
Representative, COPACS: To Be Determined
Representative, CUPE: Nola Welsh
Representative, SAA: Sean Hayes
Representative, STA: Michael MacEwan

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Chair Dunford explained purpose of meeting and nature of Committee of the Whole.

Introduction

Chair Dunford welcomed members of the partner groups, and management team representatives to the special meeting and acknowledged the territory of the WSANEC people since time immemorial. Representing STA – Michael MacEwan; representing CUPE – Nola Welsh; and representing School Administration – Sean Hayes.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER
That the agenda be adopted.

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated. None noted.

CARRIED.

3. **2022/23 BUDGET**

- (i) Report from Secretary Treasurer
- (ii) Committee of the Whole to discuss 2022/23 Budget

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That the Board move to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing the 2022/23 Budget and considering recommendations for balancing the 2022/23 preliminary budget.

CARRIED.

Chair Dunford called upon Vice Chair VanWell to Chair Committee of the Whole.

Committee Chair VanWell opened discussion on the 2022/23 Budget.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

That the proposed 2022-23 budget be balanced through the following reductions:

- Apply for increased funding allocation (\$345,000)
- Reduce ELL teacher allocation by 1.0 FTE
- Reduce IST/BS teacher allocation by 2.0 FTE
- Reading recovery coordination savings (\$18,000)
- Reduce teacher leader 0.1 FTE
- Reduce French program supplemental supply allocation by \$35,000
- Reduce information technology budget by \$70,000, and
- a further \$202,500 reduction through a combination of administration/services/supplies reductions and/or reallocation of funds from the contingency reserve.

DEFEATED.

Moved by TRUSTEE DUNFORD

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That Committee of the Whole rise and report that the proposed 2022/23 budget be balanced by applying the entries listed in the staff recommendations on page 6 of the briefing note with the exception of removing the Teacher Leader reduction by 0.1 FTE and removing the transportation fees of \$70,000.

CARRIED.

RISE AND REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Trustee Dunford resumed the Chair and called upon Committee Chair Vanwell to report from Committee of the Whole.

Committee Chair VanWell reported that Committee of the Whole had under its consideration the 2022/23 Budget and has directed me to report that the proposed 2022/23 budget be balanced by

applying the entries listed in the staff recommendations on page 6 of the briefing note with the exception of removing the Teacher Leader reduction by 0.1 FTE and removing the transportation fees of \$70,000.

Chair Dunford opened the floor for debate on the question referred to the committee and the recommendations from committee.

Moved by TRUSTEE VANWELL

Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER

That the proposed 2022/23 budget be balanced by applying the entries listed in the staff recommendations on page 6 of the briefing note with the exception of removing the Teacher Leader reduction by 0.1 FTE and removing the transportation fees of \$70,000.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE STELCK

Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

That the BCSTA determine how many districts had to cut programs and teaching positions as a direct result of unfunded inflationary costs, and that the BCSTA strongly advocate on behalf of all districts for the funding of inflationary costs on an ongoing basis.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE STELCK

That School District 63 seek reimbursement from the Ministry of Labour for the additional annual cost of approximately \$400,000 resulting from the recent changes to the Employment Standards Act requiring School Boards to provide five days of annual sick leave for certain employees not covered by other sick leave provisions.

CARRIED.

Moved by TRUSTEE SILZER

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the Board prepare an Op Ed article for distribution to the local media explaining why School District 63 had to come up with \$1 million to cover inflationary pressures not funded by the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked if there was any objection to adjourning. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.



Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer