



May 3, 2023

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

The Special Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDEES

- Chair: Tim Dunford
Vice-Chair: Elsie McMurphy
Trustee: Keven Elder
Trustee: Susan Hickman
Trustee: Nola Silzer
Trustee: Joyce Vandall
Trustee: Teri VanWell
Superintendent of Schools: Dave Eberwein
Secretary Treasurer: Jason Reid
Assistant Superintendent: Paul McKenzie
Director of Instruction: Carly Hunter
Director of Instruction: Peter Westhaver
Representative, COPACS: Megan Misovic
Representative, CUPE: Nola Welsh
Representative, SAA: Aaron Buckham
Representative, STA: Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunford called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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 – Don Peterson; representing CUPE – Nola Welsh; representing School Administration – Aaron Buckham and representing COPACS – Megan Misovic.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by TRUSTEE VANDALL

Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL

That the agenda be adopted.

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

The Chair asked if there was any objection to seeking agreement to delete #3.2 Committee of the Whole to discuss 2023/24 Budget, and replace with #3.2 Discuss 2023/24 Budget.

Agreement was met.

CARRIED.

3. **2023/24 BUDGET**

- (i) Report from Secretary Treasurer
- (ii) Discuss 2023/24 Budget

**Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE SILZER**

That the Board request senior staff to prepare a balanced budget for consideration by the Board at the May 17, 2023 meeting, reflecting the following principles:

1. That the 2023/24 Preliminary Budget be balanced without reflecting program budget reductions by allocating to the extent necessary: contingency reserve, and to the extent possible underspend of 2022/23 service and supply budgets.
2. That program budgets not be increased beyond the essential inflationary adjustments already reflected in the calculated net unfunded inflationary pressure of \$1,683,000.
3. That during 2023/24 any additional funding, including from enrolment growth relative to forecast, be applied to reduce budget pressure to the extent possible.

CARRIED.

**Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL**


That the district conduct a review of programs, early in 2023/24, considering where budget reductions are feasible to inform cost reduction measures to be implemented in future budgets as required, and

That the Board advocate at all levels for funding of inflationary and other unfunded cost pressures.

CARRIED.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

That the Special Board Meeting be adjourned – 7:33pm.



Chair of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer