



May 8, 2024

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 8, 2024 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: Regrets
Representative, CUPE: Candace Whitney
Representative, SAA: Suzanne Chisholm
Representative, STA: Don Peterson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

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 – Candace Whitney; and representing School Administration – Suzanne Chisholm

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY

Seconded by TRUSTEE ELDER

That the agenda be adopted.

Chair Dunford asked if there were any late items or revisions to the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

3. **2024/25 BUDGET**

- (i) Report from Secretary Treasurer
- (ii) Discuss 2024/25 Budget

**Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL**

That the 2024/25 Budget be balanced by allocating \$922,967 in contingency reserve to fund the budgetary items outlined in the following table:

Net funding growth	(763,224)
Medical/Dental plan premium escalation	585,168
Canada Pension Plan (CPP) premium escalation	141,023
Forecasted increase to average Teacher wage	300,000
Technology plan budget shortfall (inflation)	500,000
Unavoidable service and supply inflation	160,000
<b>Total Unfunded Inflationary Pressure</b>	<b>922,967</b>

CARRIED.

**Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE VANDALL**

That staff be directed to create a plan with options to address the structural budget shortfall with a report provided to the Board in the fall of 2024.

CARRIED.

**Moved by TRUSTEE ELDER**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY**

That the Board express its appreciation to the Budget Advisory Committee, community members who participated at the Community Budget Meeting and survey, students who participated in Student Voice sessions, and staff and parents for their extensive involvement throughout the process.

CARRIED.

**Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE HICKMAN**

That the Board develop an advocacy plan to address the structural budget deficit in advance of the budget deliberations for 2025/26.

CARRIED.

**Moved by TRUSTEE MCMURPHY**

**Seconded by TRUSTEE VANWELL**

That the Board acknowledge the Secretary Treasurer and his staff for their diligent and excellent work through this process.

CARRIED.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

That the Special Board Meeting be adjourned – 7:25pm.

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer