



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2011**

Members present: M. Brant, J. Cobb, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall, D. Inch, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, J. Williams

Regrets: S. Clements

Resource: C. DeMille, T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, M. Norton, C. Portt, J. Rogers, D. Rutherford, K. Soule

Minutes: J. Newman

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Delegations/presentations

None

Approval of agenda

Moved: J. Williams

Seconded: J. Cobb

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: T. Goodfellow

Seconded: D. Patterson

That the minutes from the public meeting of May 9, 2011 be approved.

Carried

Recommendations

None

Information

Draft comparative revenue summary

Superintendent Rutherford reviewed Report No. C-1 which provided a comparative operating revenue summary and grants for student needs comparative revenue summary for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. In addition, Superintendent Rutherford provided an overview of specific grant calculations as per the 2011-2012 Ministry of Education Technical Paper.

Draft comparative expenditure summary

Superintendent Rutherford reviewed Report No. C-2 which provided a comparative expenditure summary for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. Also included in the report was a comparative review of elementary and secondary teaching salaries for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Budget reductions

Superintendent Rutherford provided an overview of planned reductions to address the shortfall of approximately 3.6M in 2011-2012. Superintendent Rutherford advised that per pupil funding for full day kindergarten is \$3,900 less than other full day programs. He noted that if the Ministry funded full day kindergarten the same as other full day programs, it would significantly reduce the shortfall by \$800,000. Expenditure reductions approved by the Board in phase 1 total approximately 2M.

Draft letter to Minister of Education

Director Soule distributed and reviewed a draft letter to the Minister of Education addressing the board's budget concerns. Director Soule and Superintendent Rutherford noted key points addressed in the letter and requested approval to proceed. It was suggested that the letter also include a copy of the "Phase 1 Budget Reductions" noted in Report No. C-3 and the closing paragraph be revised to "We are prepared to meet with you to discuss the HPEDSB budget as we proceed through the process."

Moved: D. Patterson
Seconded: T. Goodfellow

That the Budget Committee recommend that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board proceed with the letter to the Minister of Education and that the letter include the Phase 1 Budget Reductions as noted in Budget Committee Public Report No. C-3 dated May 24, 2011.

This item was added to the board agenda for approval.

Next steps

Superintendent McGall and Superintendent Rutherford provided an overview of short and long term options to address the additional shortfall of 1.6M subsequent to the phase 1 budget reductions.

The meeting adjourned at p.m. 5:08 p.m.