



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
OPERATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2013**

Members present: M. Brant, S. Clements, T. Goodfellow - Chair, D. Patterson

Regrets: B. Danes, D. Inch

Guests: K. Donnell

Resource: T. FitzGibbon, L. Miller, M. Savery-Whiteway, D. Tregenza

Minutes: J. Newman

Call to order

The public session of the Operations and Finance Committee was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Approval of the agenda

Moved: M. Brant
Seconded: D. Patterson

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes:

Moved: S. Clements
Seconded: M. Brant

That the minutes from the meeting September 9, 2013 be approved.

Carried

Business Arising

Superintendent Miller provided an enrolment update.

Recommendations

Capital priorities submission

Superintendent Miller presented Report No. B-1 to approve the capital priority business cases for submission to the Ministry of Education by October 31.

Administration is proposing three business cases to go forward to the Ministry for the 2013 funding request. These business cases represent prior year submissions which remain significant to HPEDSB in terms of addressing school consolidation and accommodation needs due to enrolment changes. Superintendent Miller reviewed the business cases summarized in Appendix A.

Clarification/discussion items included:

- The requirement to demolish Breadner Elementary School as per the current lease with DND. It was noted that previous discussions with DND indicated a potential future need for the school however further discussion would be required.
- Surplus space at both Earl Prentice & Marmora Public School.
- Rationale for submitting three business cases instead of one priority case.

Moved: S. Clements
Seconded: M. Brant

That the Operations and Finance Committee recommend that Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board submit the business cases outlined in Appendix A to the Ministry of Education as contained in Operations and Finance Committee Report No. B-1 dated October 15, 2013.

Carried

2013-2014 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Controller Tregenza presented Report No. B-2 to approve the board's Multi-Year Annual Accessibility Plan for the period September 2013 to August 2018. The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) (AODA)* and the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2001) (ODA)* requires school boards to prepare annual plans to address barriers to persons with disabilities. The plan has had several revisions since it was first published in 2005 and is accessible by link on the board website.

Most recently the Accessibility Plan was revised to incorporate multi-year plans for a five year period as opposed to a one year plan. The Accessibility Plan will continue to be reviewed and approved on an annual basis by the Accessibility Advisory Committee and approved by the Board. Committee members discussed the plan and format enhancements for consideration next year.

Moved: M. Brant
Seconded: S. Clements

That the Operations and Finance Committee recommend that Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the Multi-year Annual Accessibility Plan for the period September 2013 to August 2018 as contained in the Operations and Finance Committee Report No. B-2, dated October 15, 2013.

Information

Kilometer rate of reimbursement

Superintendent Miller presented Report No. C-1 to review the 2013-2014 kilometer rate of reimbursement as determined by administration. The current board rate is \$.44/kilometer. Following a review of other local rates administration is recommending no change to the kilometer rate for 2013-2014.

Trustee Expense Report

Trustee expenses for the period ending September 2013 were reviewed.

Correspondence

Controller Tregenza presented correspondence from the City of Belleville requesting a 5 meter temporary working easement as well as an 8 meter permanent easement to install a permanent watermain across the Prince of Wales School property. Controller Tregenza will continue discussions with the City of Belleville noting the board's concerns regarding student safety, potential building damage, disruption to existing landscape and project timelines.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.