



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES
May 19, 2009**

Members present: M. Brant, S. Clements, C. Cotton, T. Goodfellow, M. Hall,
H. Marissen, C. Pitman, M. Walker, J. Williams
D. Smith

Regrets: D. Inch

Absent: A. MacDonald

Resource: T. FitzGibbon, R. McGall, J. Montgomery, M. Norton,
J. Rogers, B. Roy, D. Rutherford, K. Soule, D. Tregenza

Guests: None

Minutes: P. Hoskin

Call to order

Chair Pitman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Delegations/presentations

None

Approval of agenda

Moved: M. Brant

Seconded: J. Williams

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Approval of minutes

Moved: C. Cotton

Seconded: M. Walker

That the minutes of April 20, 2009 be approved.

Carried

Business arising from the minutes

None

Recommendations

None

Information

Update on Enrolment and Status of Reserves

Superintendent Rutherford provided an update on the 2009-2010 projected enrollment. After a reassessment by secondary principals, the revised projection is up by 86 students bringing the enrollment decline to 487.5 students.

Update on Board Revenue Summary

Changes in the Grants for Student Needs reflect the new enrolment projections and the new Native Studies courses.

Board Expenditure Summary

Superintendent Rutherford commented that cost increases due to the provincial framework agreements have been incorporated into the budget. Professional development, text books and computers have been kept at the same levels as 2008-2009. Net reductions totaling near \$300,000 in special grants last year for Safe Schools, Student Success and Library Funding were noted. There has been no confirmation that these grants will be carried forward into the next budget year.

A large negative in the transportation line was explained as being due to a significant decrease in the price of diesel fuel. Superintendent Rutherford explained that the Ministry has incorporated a fuel escalator/de-escalator factor into this funding to adjust according to fuel price changes of more than three cents.

Current Financial Position

Superintendent Rutherford outlined the current financial position as a projected deficit of \$314,610. A high rating from the follow-up Energy and Efficiency review would generate an additional \$655,000.

New Budget Request

- **Surveillance Report**

Superintendent Rogers presented report C-5-1 – Video Surveillance Committee Framework Development and Recommendation. Standards outlining the location and rationale for surveillance equipment were reviewed. After a review of the state of current video surveillance equipment and their placement by the Committee, the following three phase recommendation was made:

Phase 1: \$500,000 for secondary school video surveillance renewal in the 2009-2010 school year.

Phase 2: Annual funding of \$100,000 for elementary video surveillance renewal and system maintenance for 10 years.

Phase 3: Revisions to Procedure 543 - Use of Video Surveillance Systems

Superintendent Rutherford recommended using reserves to support Phase 1 and amortization of Phase 2. Additional information will be brought back to the next Budget Meeting for further discussion.

- **Succession Planning for Leadership**

Superintendent McGall reviewed report C-5-2 - Ontario Leadership Strategy which requires that school boards have a succession plan for academic staff in place in 2009-10 and a leadership development strategy in place in 2010–11. Hastings and Prince Edward district School Board requires a progressive plan to address

anticipated leadership needs in both the short and long term. HPEDSB has decided that this plan should be extended to support staff and this is where the funding gap appears.

Additional funding of \$50,000 would allow the committee to complete the following steps:

1. Spring 2009 – funds be identified in the budget process to support succession planning for mentoring and leadership development. \$50,000 is recommended for this purpose.
2. Fall 2009 – review and refine the plan, with detailed action plans and appropriate resources identified

Correspondence

None

Next Steps

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Chair

Secretary