

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Regular

September 13th, 2022

5:00 PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Kearns, Chair J. Krauskopf, Alternate J. Williams (ex officio)	M. McDiarmid, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. Monkman, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets P. Michell	

The meeting was conducted from 5:03-5:35 pm

Welcome: *Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

REPORT

1. 2021-2022 School District Financial Statements

Mr. Margerm updated the committee that the financial statements are just being finalized and will be presented and discussed at the September Board meeting. The auditor plans to express an unqualified opinion. The auditor will also provide a verbal report at the September Board meeting.

Mr. Margerm also discussed that the school district finances resulted in a planned deficit of \$577,427 (Operational deficit of \$335,304 and a capital fund deficit of \$242,123). These deficits were planned due to increased spending on capital projects as per board resolutions at the surplus meeting in October 2021.

Motion: *The Board resolve to approve the Draft Audited 2021-2022 Financial Statements as presented.*

2. Walnut Park Capital Project – Financial Update

Mr. Margerm updated the committee on the financial situation of the Walnut Park rebuild project. The Walnut Park School rebuild project is essentially complete. There are a few deficiencies being completed and the remaining holdback to Koralta will be released soon.

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Walnut Park Rebuild Project Financials:

Planned	
MoE Funding	\$ 29,172,343
MCFD Funding	\$ 2,488,888
SD Funding	<u>\$ 2,360,000</u>
Total	\$ 34,021,231

Actual	
MoE Funding	\$ 29,172,343
MCFD Funding	\$ 2,488,888
SD Funding	\$ 60,000
Total	\$ 31,721,231

Project Surplus \$ 2,300,000

The surplus will remain as part of the cumulative school district restricted surplus.

3. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning – FESL

Mr. McDiarmid advised that he would be providing a report on the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning at the September Board meeting.

4. COVID Update (McDiarmid)

Mr. McDiarmid advised that the Ministry direction for Communicable Disease regulations were updated as of August 25, 2022. In general, current direction is to not come to school if sick, clean and disinfect facilities at least once a day, wash hands regularly, promote respiratory etiquette, respect personal space, keep update to date with current vaccinations and masks are optional.

5. Board and Committee meetings Fall schedule

Mr. Margerm outlined the fall schedule for the board:

September 27 th , Tuesday	Board meeting
October 4 th , Tuesday	Trustee Candidates Forum
October 15 th , Saturday	Trustee Elections
October 25 th , Tuesday	Swearing-in Ceremony, Trustee Orientation Meeting
November 15 th , Tuesday	November Board Meeting, Board Elections
November 22 nd , Tuesday	December Committee Meeting
November 30-December 3 rd	BCSTA Trustee Academy
December 6 th , Tuesday	December Board Meeting

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6. Land Acknowledgement Plaque

Chair Williams raised the idea of promoting land acknowledgment plaques in all schools based on a recommendation and documentation from Trustee Krishan. It was noted that Houston Secondary has a plaque in place already, and the committee discussed the option of placing land acknowledgment plaques within all facilities. The option of noting different clans on the plaque was also considered.

Motion: Committee recommends that Mr. Monkman confer with the Indigenous Council and School District Indigenous Department to provide a proposal and discuss options for land acknowledgment plaques to be displayed at school district facilities.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: November 22nd, 2022 @ 5:00pm.