

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 3th, 2015

Regular
5:00PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Collingwood, Chair J. Williams, Alternate F. Farrell (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer E. Hildebrandt, Director, Facilities and Maintenance
Regrets: L. Kearns, P. Michell	M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent

Meeting: 5:00-5:45 pm

REPORT

1. Amended Budget Bylaw

Mr. Margerm provided synopsis of 2014 – 2015 amended annual budget. Revenues are down \$245,800 due to government claw-back of \$666,482 due to strike in September 2014. Extra revenues include \$358,000 to support teacher raises this year (2% in September 2014, 1.25% as of January 2015). The District also received a \$100,000 trades grant.

Increased costs included an unexpected 1% increase to employee benefits, \$110,000 increase to career prep/trades. Averaged SD54 teacher's salary for amended budget purposes was higher than projected (from budgeted \$72,750 to SD54 average \$74,266). Given the warmer year, utilities costs are lower than expected by \$40,000.

The amended budget includes a planned allocation of \$300,000 from operating surplus to support District operations – if necessary (planned costs: trades initiatives, learning initiatives, employee benefits, sportsplex and SBO renovations). The District may only utilize a portion or none of the operating surplus depending on the level of District expenditures by June 30th.

The committee recommends the motion that the Board give all 3 readings to the 2014-2015 Amended Budget.

2. Projected Enrollment

Mr. Margerm provided an initial enrollment projection based on numbers from schools. Initial projected enrollment is 2079 FTE. This is down 70 FTE from last spring projections, but this is basically equal to current enrollment.

3. 2015-2016 draft Calendar

Mr. van der Mark noted that the District has received two responses from our stakeholders with regards to the draft 2015-2016 school calendar: 1) from Houston Secondary School PAC, were in support of the proposed version #1 - regular school calendar; 2) BV Christian School supporting version #1 – regular calendar.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: March 3rd, 2015 @ 5:00pm