

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 (Bulkley Valley)

## COMMITTEE REPORT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF November 6, 2012

### In attendance:

**Committee Members:** Chair: K. Martinsen, P. Michell, F. Farrell

**Administration:** S. Richards, Secretary Treasurer, C. van der Mark, Superintendent; E. Hildebrandt, Supervisor of Operations

**Trustees:** (non voting)

**Regrets:**

**Ex Officio:** L. Kearns

The meeting convened at 5:00 and discussed the following items. The committee moved *in-camera* to discuss items relating to property, personnel and labour relations.

### REPORT:

#### 1. Walnut Park Renovations

Mr. Hildebrandt provided the committee with an update on progress on the structural upgrades taking place at this school. He noted that the contractor was completing its work this week, slightly ahead of schedule. The school will be returned to its regular configuration, thoroughly cleaned and return to normal school operations November 13.

#### 2. Capital Plan 2012-2013 (Amended)

Mr. Hildebrandt provided the committee with an overview of this year's capital planning process noting that the Board had passed a resolution to adopt the capital plan in the amount of \$31,648,991 at its September regular meeting.

Subsequently, and in an effort to maximize that likelihood of the Walnut Park project being approved by government, Mr. Hildebrandt and Capital Branch have been working closely together ensuring that cost estimates and other details are scrutinized carefully. As a result, the costs associated with this Number 1 priority capital project have increased by \$2,346,386. Administration is therefore recommending that that ***the committee recommends to the Board to pass a motion to approve the amended 2012-2013 capital plan in the amount of \$33,995,377.***

#### 3. Form 1530

Administration provided government required reporting data on staffing – a form known as the 1530 – and compared current year to several previous years.

#### 4. Effective Cash Management

The committee reviewed a briefing note containing background information on this government initiative which would see school districts and other public sector bodies pooling their cash in a government controlled account. A competitive interest rate would be paid on balance and the Certificate of Approval (COA) system used to access cash as needed. The district would continue to maintain its accounts with its current banker. At the present time, this initiative is voluntary ***and the committee recommends that the Board not voluntarily participate in this program at this time.***

#### 5. Teacher Pension Plan – Rate Increase

The committee reviewed a briefing note highlighting increased contribution rates effective July 1, 2013 and the reasons necessitating the increase. Rates will increase to 12.7% and 16.13 for the employee and employer respectively – an increase of 1.3%. The briefing noted that the TPP has had an unfunded liability since 2002. Mr. Richards also noted that the increase in rates will result in increased district costs of approximately \$120,000 per year.

#### 6. Worksafe BC – Rate Increase

The committee reviewed a briefing note providing background information on increasing employer costs of approximately \$20,000 per year. The increase is due to the district's increased claims experience over the last two years. Rates will increase of 21% to \$0.67 from \$0.55 per \$100 of assessable payroll and be effective January 1, 2013

The committee adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM Date & Time of Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted:

K. Martinsen Chairperson, Operations Committee