

## SPECIAL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

Trustees Present: Lynn Scott, Keith Penny, Christine Boothby, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Justine Bell, Lyra Evans, Mark Fisher, Wendy Hough, Jennifer Jennekens, Sandra Schwartz, Charles Chen (Student Trustee), Joy Liu (Student Trustee)

Staff Present: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Janice McCoy (Superintendent of Human Resources), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Carolyn Tanner (Human Rights and Equity Advisor), Dorothy Baker (Superintendent of Instruction), Prince Duah (Superintendent of Instruction), Mary Jane Farrish (Superintendent of Instruction), Eric Hardie (Superintendent of Instruction), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Nadia Towaij (Superintendent of Program and Learning K-12), Kevin Gardner (Manager of Financial Services), Stacey Kay (Manager of Learning Support Services), Sandy Owens (Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), Charles D'Aoust (Coordinator of Budget Services), Teri Adamthwaite (Coordinator of Financial Reporting), Nicole Guthrie (Manager of Board Services), Rebecca Grandis (Senior Board Coordinator), Michael Guilbault (AV Technician)

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 9:37 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Territory and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Boothby,  
THAT the agenda be approved.**

**Carried**

3. Report from Committee of the Whole, Budget

Trustee Schwartz reported that the Committee of the Whole, Budget met this evening and reports and recommends as follows:

3.1 Approval of the 2021-2022 Staff Recommended Budget

**Moved by** Trustee Lyra Evans

**Seconded by** Trustee Schwartz

**A. THAT the unconsolidated 2021-2022 operating budget of \$1.0109 billion as presented in Report 21-047, 2021-2022 Staff-Recommended Budget and detailed in the 2021-2022 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder be approved, subject to Ministry authorization to use the accumulated surplus in the amount required to balance the budget, amended as follows:**

- 1. THAT \$200,000 be allocated from reserves to a central contingency fund for initiatives supporting the District's transition from School Resource Officer (SRO) and other Ottawa Police Service (OPS) reliance, to be used as needed during the course of the 2021-22 school year, and where:**
  - i. The fund shall be utilized for such related purposes as added de-escalation and unconscious bias training development or purchase, release time, procedural development, communications and consultation, funded non-OPS civil society partnerships and service providers, added tracking / analysis / reporting, and/or for other purposes, all to be determined by staff;**
  - ii. Lapsed funds shall be returned to reserves at the end of the school year, unless otherwise varied by the Board; and**
  - iii. A report on the use or non-use of this transitional contingency fund, and also of any continuing related unfunded needs, is to be provided to the Board to inform its 2022-23 budget process.**
- 2. THAT \$200,000 be allocated from reserves to a central contingency fund for initiatives rooted in the ending of the SRO program related to targeted EAs, mental health, or other culturally appropriate resources, and/or counselling services for those impacted by previous OPS engagements, and where:**
  - i. Lapsed funds shall be returned to reserves at the end of the school year, unless otherwise varied by the Board; and**

- ii. **A report on the use or non-use of this transitional contingency fund, and also of any continuing related unfunded needs, is to be provided to the Board to inform its 2022-23 budget process.**
  - 3. **THAT the \$95,000 in savings achieved through the discontinuation of the additional School Resource Officer resources, be added to the RAISE expenditure budget.**
  - 4. **THAT the Board authorize an allocation of up to \$100,000 to support the hiring of a 1.0 FTE Indigenous Student Support Coordinator.**
  - 5. **THAT the Board authorize an allocation of up to \$89,000 to support the hiring of 1.0 FTE Policy Analyst with a specialization in anti-racism, intersectional policy analysis, and in applying a human rights-based approach.**
- B. THAT the 2021-2022 capital budget of \$119.8 million as presented in the 2021- 2022 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder, be approved.**

**Carried**

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

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Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board