



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BUDGET REPORT

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

7:00 pm

Board Room

Administration Building

133 Greenbank Road

Ottawa, Ontario

Trustees Present: Donna Blackburn, Lyra Evans, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Nili Kaplan-Myrth (electronic participation), Matthew Lee (electronic participation), Cathryne Milburn (electronic participation), Suzanne Nash, Lynn Scott

Staff Present: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Randy Gerrior (Associate Director of Business Operations), Jesse Mark (General Counsel, Governance & Legal Services), James Proulx (Executive Officer of Information Technology and Digital Transformation), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Employee Services), Sandy Owens (General Manager, Business & Learning Technology), Diane Pernari (General Manager, Communications & Public Relations), Darren Gatley (General Manager, Governance Services), Michael Guilbault (Multimedia Coordinator, Communications), Susan Baker (Administrative Assistant)

Non-Voting Representatives Present: Susan Gardner (OCETFO), Anthony Wong (SEAC), Inini McHugh (ACE), Nina Stanton (IEC), Tracy Shapiro (OCSSAN), Stephanie Kirkey (OSSTF - TBU), Philip Battison (OSSTF-PSSU), Jason Glover (PIC), Kelly Granum (OSSTF - OTs)

1. Call to Order - Chair of Committee of the Whole, Budget

Chair Jennekens called the public session to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Territorial Lands

Chair Jennekens acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Homelands and thanked the Algonquin Nations for their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were filed.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Report 25-035: Financial Sustainability Plan and Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Landscape (R. Gerrior)

Your Committee had before it Report 25-035 to discuss the current financial landscape of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) and present the District's Financial Sustainability Plan.

During discussion, the following action items were noted:

- Director Buffone committed to providing a list of budget items created by Board motions, such as, Summer Learning Program, Green Bin Program, equity coaches, and their current costs;
- Director Buffone committed to providing information on the annual cost of dealing with legal and complaints-related matters;
- Director Buffone committed to providing a list of budget reductions that have already been approved this year, for example, academic staffing decisions; and
- It was requested that proposed budget reductions be clearly identified as either a program or service, whether they are mandated and funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE) or discretionary, and whether or not they will be combined, absorbed or amalgamated with other programs or services, or eliminated altogether.

7. New Business - Information and Inquiries

Trustee Blackburn noted for the record that no trustees have been investigated for launching a vexatious code of conduct complaint.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Jennifer Jennekens, Chair