



SPECIAL BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2019

7:00 pm

Board Room

Administration Building

133 Greenbank Road

Ottawa, Ontario

Trustees Present: Donna Blackburn, Christine Boothby, Erica Braunovan, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Lyra Evans, Mark Fisher, Wendy Hough, Jennifer Jennekens, Keith Penny, Sandra Schwartz, Lynn Scott

Staff Present: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Dorothy Baker (Superintendent of Curriculum), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Mary Jane Farrish (Superintendent of Instruction), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Olga Grigoriev (Superintendent of Instruction), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Janice McCoy (Superintendent of Human Resources), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Frank Wiley (Superintendent of Instruction), Kevin Gardner (Manager of Financial Services), Stacey Kay (Manager of Learning Support Services), Katrine Mallan (Manager of Board Services), Karyn Carty Ostafichuk, (Manager of Planning), Sandy Owens (Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), Miro Vala (Manager of Facilities), Charles D'Aoust (Coordinator of Budget Services), Teri Adamthwaite (Coordinator of Financial Reporting), Sharlene Hunter (Communications Coordinator), Nicole Guthrie (Committee Coordinator), John MacKinnon (Audio-Visual Technician)

1. Call to Order - Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 8:39 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 Schwartz, seconded by Trustee Hough,

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

3. Report from Committee of the Whole, Budget

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

3.1 Approval of 2019-2020 Budget

Moved by Trustee Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Penny,

- A. THAT the unconsolidated 2019-2020 operating budget of \$980.1 million as presented in Report 19-066, 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget and detailed in the 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder be approved; and
- B. THAT the 2019-2020 capital budget of \$82.8 million as presented in the 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder, be approved.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Braunovan,

THAT an Environmental Climate Fund be created for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$150,000 sourced from budget reserves: and

- i. The funds be equally allocated among the Superintendencies of Instruction;
- ii. The funds be made available to schools to support environmental projects or initiatives following applications by school communities and/or principals; and
- iii. The application process and criteria be approved by the Director of Education.

In introducing the amendment Trustee Lyra Evans noted that the total amount for the environment climate fund has been reduced. She requested a recorded vote on the amendment to ensure those voting against the environment would be captured.

Trustee Blackburn expressed concern with Trustee Lyra Evans' introduction to the amendment. She stressed that her oppositional vote on the amendment does not diminish her commitment to the environment.

A sub-amendment moved by Trustee Braunovan, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT items i. and iii. be removed.

In response to a query from Trustee Blackburn regarding the sub-amendment, Director Williams-Taylor noted that should the Board approve the amendment staff would create an implementation plan for the fund.

A sub-amendment moved by Trustee Braunovan, seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT items i. and iii. be removed.

Carried

In wrap-up, Trustee Lyra Evans noted that it was not her intent to impugn the beliefs of fellow trustees in regard to the environment but rather to suggest that trustees are accountable to their respective communities through the vote on the budget amendment.

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, Seconded by Trustee Schwartz,

THAT an Environmental Climate Fund be created for 2019-2020 in the amount of \$150,000 sourced from budget reserves: and

- 1. The funds be made available to schools to support environmental projects or initiatives following applications by school communities and/or principals.*

Carried

A recorded vote was held and the amendment was carried on the following division:

FOR: Trustees Hough, Ellis, Jennekens, Lyra Evans, Braunovan, and Schwartz (6)

AGAINST: Trustees Scott, Boothby, Blackburn, Campbell, Fisher (5)

ABSTENTION: Trustee Penny (1)

Moved by Trustee Blackburn

Seconded by Trustee Penny

1. **THAT the unconsolidated 2019-2020 operating budget of \$980.2 million as presented in Report 19-066, 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget and detailed in the 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder be approved, as amended; and**
2. **THAT the 2019-2020 capital budget of \$82.8 million as presented in the 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder, be approved.**

Carried

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Boothby, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Lyra Evans, Fisher, Hough, Penny, Jennekens, Schwartz, and Scott (12)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

Chair Scott thanked the trustees and non-voting representatives for their contributions to the budget discussions.

4. Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board