



SPECIAL BUDGET BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

6:00 PM

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

ATTENDEES

Trustees

Eve Flynn	Chairperson
Julie Austin	Vice Chairperson
Elaine Young	Trustee
Carol Kellogg	Trustee
Barry Kurland	Trustee

Administration

Peter Jory	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Associate Superintendent
Rudy Terpstra	Director of Instruction
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Education Partners

Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA)
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3570
District Parents Advisory council (DPAC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Flynn called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Flynn acknowledged that the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations and thanked them for allowing the board to live, work and play on these lands.

3. 2024-2025 ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

Secretary Treasurer Amos referred to his briefing note that outlined the budget process to date and some information as to how the budget is prepared, noting that he had modified the budget considerations to add more narrative to some of the requests and responses in order to provide more feedback to the Board based on their earlier observations.

He reminded the Board that this is an annual budget prepared with estimates of projected enrolment and projected costs so that there is the least amount of impact on the system. The budget continues to evolve as more information is gained after the first enrolment snapshot in September and the grant recalculation in December, so that by February of 2025 the Board will then have the opportunity to see an amended budget and be provided with additional information as to how staffing may have been modified since September.

Trustees were then provided with additional background on the proposed budget considerations in order to present a balanced budget.

Trustees requested that, should additional funding be identified/provided after the September enrolment count, staff firstly consider reinstating hours for Education Assistant/Child and Youth Care Worker.

Additional considerations as to supports to which to prioritize allocation of any additional funding were:

- District supply budget
- Summer works crew
- School administrative assistants

Also, mentioned was the International Student Program as an area that could be reduced at some point as some student recruitment work could be done virtually.

24-46R

Moved: Trustee Kellogg

Seconded: Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) give all three readings to approve the Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at its Special Budget Board Meeting of April 29, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24-47R

Moved: Trustee Flynn

Seconded: Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) give first reading to adopt the School District No. 69 (Qualicum) Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$72,497,275 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24-48R

Moved: Trustee Flynn

Seconded: Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) give second reading to adopt the School District No. 69 (Qualicum) Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$72,497,275 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24-49R

Moved: Trustee Flynn

Seconded: Trustee Kellogg

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) give third and final reading to adopt the School District No. 69 (Qualicum) Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$72,497,275 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Trustees and Senior Staff received comments/answered questions on the following topic:

- The province's announcement allocating \$30 million across districts over the next three years to improve literacy for students. *That money will not be released until 2025-2026 over 3 years and the government has not defined how it will be allocated and if it is specific.*

6. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kellogg moved to adjourn the Special Budget Board Meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER