

# Finance and Facilities & Transportation Committee Meeting Report



September 9, 2024 (4:18 p.m. – 5:38 p.m.)

<b>Trustees in Attendance:</b>	Angie Delainey (Chaired Mtg.), Mary Forbes, Anne Kohut.
<b>Public:</b>	
<b>TEAMS:</b>	Ciel Patenaude, Linda Martens, Willow Macdonald.
<b>Regrets:</b>	Michael Franklin.
<b>Staff:</b>	Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Hooker, Directors of Education - Sean Cameron, Anita Richardson, Wendell Hiltz, Director of Human Resources - Taryn Aumond, Ben, Paul, Marcus, Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes.

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory		
1. June 11, 2024, Committee Report	The committee reviewed the report and recommended no changes.	None.
2. Enrollment Update	<p>Superintendent Lenardon provided an update on the district's enrollment as of September 5, 2024, for the committee.</p> <p>Key point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total enrollment for the district is 4702, we anticipate this number to decrease slightly when the final 1701 is submitted to the Ministry.</li> <li>Although all students have been placed, and classes are compliant for size and average, our elementary schools are very full.</li> <li>SOC – 91 requests filled, with 43 pending. Unfortunately, the ability to approve these pending requests does not look hopeful as the schools that have been requested are full, but we continue to try.</li> </ul>	None. Information only.
3. Draft 2023-24 Financial Statement	<p>Secretary-Treasurer Hooker presented the draft 2023-2024 Financial Statements.</p> <p>Key point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 23/24 consolidated surplus is \$1.42 M. The operating surplus is expected to show a deficit of <b>(\$1.99 M)</b>.</li> </ul>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Board of Education School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) approve the draft 2023/2024 Financial Statements and accompanying documents.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The deficit is due to the Board motion passed in June 2024 where approval was given to move \$2.25 M from the Operating Surplus into Local Capital (see Note 21).</li> <li>• The total transfer from Operating to Local Capital is \$2.75 M</li> <li>• Note on accounting for capital multi-year lease of computers (\$138k)</li> <li>• We are required to report on any potential liabilities (land, legal)</li> <li>• Management letter relating to other processes</li> <li>• The Accumulated Operating Surplus totals \$2.4 M which is split into Unrestricted and Internally Restricted categories (also Note 21)</li> </ul>	
<p>4. Transportation Update</p>	<p>Superintendent Lenardon provided an update on the Transportation changes that were implemented over the summer of 2024.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1886 registered bus riders,</li> <li>• 300 pending applications for eligible catchment riders, which were received when the 2nd intake was opened,</li> <li>• 166 grandfathered courtesy riders,</li> <li>• 423 applications for new courtesy rider seats, of which</li> <li>• 368 are not yet processed,</li> <li>• 55 placed courtesy riders.</li> </ul> <p>The board and staff have received numerous complaints from the public. Public complaints have been made to locally elected officials, the Ministry of Education and Child Care, and Premier Eby.</p> <p>Themes of complaints include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety concerns with students walking to bus stops or school</li> <li>• Timelines being too fast</li> <li>• Poor communication</li> <li>• Delays in approvals and release of application process</li> </ul>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>  <i>To move Transportation Update to Item 4, in the agenda to allow for people who in the gallery and online for only this topic to not have to wait until the end of the meeting.</i></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>  None. For information only.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delays or quality and personalization of responses</li> </ul> <p>5 Members of the community were online, and one member of the media was in the gallery.</p> <p>Questions brought forward were on the number of stops in the Mile 108 area vs, the number of runs, as well as where the cost savings to these perceived cuts, are being put back into the classroom vs back into the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ST Hooker provided clarification.</li> </ul> <p>Trustees added: This is not what we envisioned. Over-communication is always better than less. Moving forward there will be more communication. We know that district employees are doing the best that they can, and it will be better.</p> <p>These changes are something that the board has wanted to do for many years, but no board in the past has ever wanted to take it on.</p> <p>It was a surprise to learn that districts were not funded for transportation.</p> <p>Concerns can be sent to: <a href="mailto:Transportation.info@sd27.bc.ca">Transportation.info@sd27.bc.ca</a></p>	
<p>5. 2025/26 Minor Capital Plan Submission</p>	<p>Secretary-Treasurer Hooker presented the 2025/26 Minor Capital Plan Submission.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 buses, with funding to be determined,</li> <li>Columnetza Gym HVAC replacement under CNCP-\$850 K</li> <li>Horsefly Playground under PEP - \$195 K</li> <li>Building Envelope project at 100 Mile Elementary under SEP- \$1.4 M</li> <li>PSO/Horse Lake – kitchen upgrades under the new FIP - \$50 K each</li> <li>Security/PA &amp; Data upgrades at 3 schools under SEP - \$850 K</li> <li>Renovate at portable at 100 Mile Elementary for Childcare under the</li> </ul>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <i>To move 2025/26 Minor Capital Plan Submission to Item 5 in the agenda.</i></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> <b>THAT</b> the Board moves to accept the minor capital submission for 2025-26.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor Capital CC - \$ 335 K</li> </ul>	

Proposed Future Meeting Dates

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Finance/Facilities Committee	October 8, 2024	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	November 12, 2024	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	December 10, 2024	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	January 7, 2025	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	February 11, 2025	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	<b>No Mtg. in March</b>		
Finance/Facilities Committee	April 15, 2025	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	May 14, 2025	4:15 p.m.	Board Office
Finance/Facilities Committee	June 11, 2025	4:15 p.m.	Board Office