



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Introduction:

- The following new member of the International Education Department was introduced:**
Tracey Grain, Homestay Coordinator

Action Items:

1. Cooperative Gains Savings Plan

The Board of Education approved the following **amended** Cost Savings Plan for submission as requested by the Ministry of Education on or before October 15th, 2013 in order to comply with the Provincial Framework Agreement reached with the Canadian Union of Public Employees:

- In order to accommodate the CUPE pay increase required for the 2013/2014 school year, (approximated at \$681,308), the Board of Education will apply the current available surplus.
- The ongoing savings of approximately \$1.181 million required effective the 2014/2015 school year will be achieved by the following adjustments to the 2014/2015 budget:

Increase to Ministry Funded Enrolment	265,000
Increase International Ed Program Enrolment	125,000
Budget for Salary Recoveries from outside agencies	150,000
Reduce Telephone Budgets	60,000
Reduce Support for Food at District Meetings	10,000
Reduce Transportation Subcontracting Expense	100,000
Eliminate Education Week Funding	5,000
Reduce District Clerical Allocation	41,500
Reduce District Support for Collaborative Time and Training	<u>425,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,181,500

The Board of Education made a motion to send a letter to the Minister of Education, Hon. Peter Fassbender, stating that although the Board has come up with the District's Cooperative Gains Savings Plan, the Board believes that students will be affected by some of the cuts that will be made.

2. 2014-2019 Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement – Final Draft

The Board of Education approved the 2014-2019 Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement – Final Draft. This agreement outlines multi-year goals toward enhancing educational experiences for the 2,289 students of Aboriginal ancestry in the Central Okanagan School District. A signing ceremony will be planned for January 2014.

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reviewed the changes in enrolment patterns that have happened in the District over the past 5 years. This year's headcount demonstrates an enrolment increase with 21,995 students enrolled in the Central Okanagan School District.

2. Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Trustees will be attending the following Remembrance Day ceremonies in the Central Okanagan's four municipalities:

Kelowna	Trustee Brinkerhoff and Trustee Gorman
Lake Country	Trustee Butler
Peachland	Trustee Baxter
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Pendharkar
West Kelowna	Trustee Fraser

During the Public Question/Comment Period, the President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, Sue Bauhart, expressed her support for the CUPE wage increase; however, she stated her disappointment that Boards of Education have been directed by the Government to establish local Cost Savings Plans to cover the CUPE wage increase, when, in her opinion, public education in BC is underfunded.

The President of CUPE Local 3523, Wendy Johnson, also expressed her concern with Boards having to establish cost savings plans and extended a thank-you to the Board of Education for removing the proposed "reduction of Education Assistant Allocations to Special Purpose Funds" from the Cost Savings Plan.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Annual Report on Special Program: Hiring Exemption
2. Summer Projects completed by the Operations' Department in 2013
3. Field Trips 2013/2014
4. General Statements

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office
The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, October 16, 2013
4:30 p.m. Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 p.m. Finance and Legal Committee (Cancelled)

For comments, please contact:

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