

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE III/V – EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES / FINANCE & LEGAL

TUESDAY, 2010 APRIL 27

Joint Committee Report to the Board on 2010 April 29

The Joint Committee met to discuss the following items:

1. Revised 2010/2011 Preliminary Operating Budget Proposals

The meeting was chaired by Trustee Bouey.

S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this item and noted that further to the April 07th meeting, the budget proposals have been revised based on:

- stakeholder and public input received on the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Proposals; and
- the availability of additional funds (\$1.79 million) and expenditure savings from certain employee benefit plans and the Harmonized Sales Tax.

R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Finance, summarized the *2010/2011 Revised Preliminary Budget Proposals* dated 2010 April 27: He reviewed the following key points from the report:

- CommunityLink Update
- April 19th Operating Budget Update regarding certain employee benefit plans and the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)
- Revised 2010/2011 Budget Proposals, which include:
 - Revisions to proposed additions / reductions amounting to \$1.85 million
 - Total revised reductions amounting to \$16.32 million

Some stakeholder groups expressed their concerns regarding the 2010/2011 Revised Preliminary Budget Proposals.

In response to a union representative's request, it was agreed that a letter be sent from Trustees and representatives of the district's stakeholder groups to the Minister of Education to ask for an urgent meeting with her regarding the district's financial situation.

In response to a student representative inquiry, a Trustee requested staff to report on the possible options and/or impact of delaying the approval of the district's 2010/2011 budget after 2010 April 29.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that the Board's final deliberation on the 2010/2011 Budget Proposals is scheduled for 2010 April 29 at 7:00 pm in the Education Centre Boardroom.

This item was received for information.

Meeting adjourned at 1915 hours.

Jane Bouey, Co-Chairperson

Committee III/V Members Present:

Patti Bacchus, Al Blakey, Ken Clement,
Ken Denike, Carol Gibson, Sharon Gregson,
Mike Lombardi, Allan Wong

District Management Team Present:

Steve Cardwell, Brenda Ng,
Laurie Anderson, Mark Dale, Lynn Green,
Sonia Hutson, Rick Krowchuk,
Stephen Lamb, Gary Little, Val Overgaard,
Catherine Remedios, Paul Wlodarczak

Union/Association Representatives Present:

Anne Guthrie Warman, VSTA
Debbie Pawluk, VSTA
Rod Ratzlaff, VESTA
Dan Graves, VESTA
Iona Wishaw, VASSA
Maria Taddei, VASSA
Rob Schindel, VASSA
Chris Gilmour-Lammerse, VEPVPA
Liz Kloeppe, VEPVPA
Steve Baker, DPAC
Gwen Giesbrecht, DPAC
Tony Doyle, PASA
Ron Bergeron, PASA
Harjit Khangura, IUOE
Tim De Vivo, IUOE
Paul Faoro, CUPE 15
Kenny Brett, CUPE 15
Dami Lee, VDSC
Rachel Ha, VDSC