
Present:

Sharel Warrington, Chair
Ron Polillo, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Tim Bennett, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Rachael Weber, Trustee

Cindy Heitman, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Jan Cote, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent:

Milton Mahoney, Trustee

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

The Board provided a formal acknowledgement of the ancestral lands, culture and people of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Simpcw First Nation.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association encouraged Trustees to ensure that any cuts to address the budget shortfall do not impact students in the classroom. Mr. Beauregard expressed concerns related to the use of non-enrolling teachers to cover teacher absences due to a shortage of teachers' teaching on call.

5. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1 Report of the 2022-23 Budget Consultation Committee

Trustee Bennett reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Bennett drew attention to the Report of the 2022-23 Budget Consultation Committee that was also included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the 2022-23 Budget Consultation Committee be received.

CARRIED

5.2 2022-2023 Annual Budget Bylaw – First and Second Reading

Trustee Bennett noted that under Section 113 (1) of the *School Act*, the Board was required to adopt, by bylaw, an annual budget on or before June 30 each year for the next fiscal year. He stated that the *Act* also required a bylaw to be given three distinct readings and advised that the third and final reading will be given at the May 31, 2022 regular public meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 be given first reading.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That Annual Budget Bylaw 2022-2023 be given second reading.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer provided a PowerPoint presentation “2022-2023 Annual Public Board Meeting Budget Briefing” related to the budget document that was included in the agenda package.

Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer