

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE NOTES**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Online via Zoom

TRUSTEES: S. Haines (Committee Chair), A. Amaral, S. Leech,
M. Hampvent, T. Ste. Marie

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-
Treasurer; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; K. Kerr, Director
of Instruction; R. Collison, Manager of Facilities and
Transportation; P. Luporini, District Principal of Technology;
S. Whittall, Manager of Finance; A. Liddicoat, SCTA; S.
Mackenzie, CUPE 801; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

Trustee Haines called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Budget Summary

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick presented a summary of the 2021/22 Annual Budget for consideration and highlighted:

- Shifts in operating revenues, including an increase to per-student allocations that replaces the prior year's labour settlement funding grant,
- The provincial budget announcement, which indicates additional funding may be available to support student mental health. Any funding received as a result of that announcement would be supplemental to the mental health supports recommended in the 2021/22 Annual Budget.
- A breakdown of labour settlement funding.
- Revised school allocation rates.

The 2021/22 Annual Budget includes recommendations in several areas to support the board's strategic plan goals:

- Increase to Family Navigators staffing (2.c. Inclusive Education)
- Increase to District Counselling (1.f. SEL/Mental Health)
- Increase to Youth Care Worker staffing (1.f. SEL/Mental Health)
- Continuation of staff well being supports (2.a. Healthy, Inspired Team)
- Additional custodial for increase square footage (3.e. District Facilities)
- Tenant costs previously borne by schools, for instance garbage and paper towels (3.e. District Facilities)

- Technology licenses (1.j. Digital Literacy)

The presentation also included a recommendation for the distribution of surplus allocations to address:

- School allocations and holdback,
- Field improvements (equipment and temporary staffing),
- Technology infrastructure,
- Promoting inclusion (“Ensouling our Schools”),
- Collective bargaining costs,
- Continuation of Covid supports, including:
 - Custodial staffing,
 - Access to additional food in schools, and
 - School buses - additional cleaning

RECOMMENDATION: “TO adopt the budget for the 2021/22 school year as presented at Operations Committee.”

3. Food in Schools

Director Kerr described the process that the New Westminster School District followed to support the development of a district food program.

Director Kerr reported on next steps:

- Consulting with Community Schools and the Healthy Schools Committee,
- Forming a Food Review Committee to determine a process for data collection.

A Food Review Committee update will be scheduled for either May or June Operations Committee.

4. Transportation Review

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided an update on the ongoing transportation review and reported that:

- Consultants have considered and established base line data,
- Consultants have developed new routes that address some of the concerns identified through the review and through the survey feedback,
- Additional analysis of the revised routes will take place, including vetting the proposed routes with the bus contractor,
- Timelines are tight to make any significant changes for next school year; however, some key changes will be implemented to ensure that all buses are arriving and departing school sites at appropriate times.

5. Regulation for review:

a) 4170 – Use of Board Property as Licensed Child Care Facilities

The regulation has been updated to align with a new ministerial order that requires boards to assess the community need for child care services on an

ongoing basis and enables boards of education to offer child care directly or through licensed child care providers.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.