

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

June 18, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Board Room, Education Centre

TRUSTEES

A. Morell (Chair)
 J. Bennett
 L. Pizzolato
 M. Ruddock
 B. Yeoman
 C. Rahman
 N. Bajaj

S. Hunt
 B. McKinnon
 S. Polhill
 I. Frick
 J. Skinner
 P. Cuddy
 C. Antone

REGRETS

B. Smith, S. Chun

ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

L. Elliott	M. Moynihan
S. Mark	P. Sydor
J. Pratt	R. Kuiper
S. Builder	L. Griffith-Jones
R. Culhane	C. Lynd
D. Macpherson	C. Giannacopoulos
B. Martin	K. Edgar
S. Powell(+7:20)	L. Nicholls
P. Skinner	S. Macey
R. Kuiper	D. Munroe
R. Hoffman	P. Hearse
J. Knight	B. Williams
E. Ng	S. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Morell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

2. O CANADA

The meeting was opened with the playing of O Canada.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on motion by Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Skinner.

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

5. BUDGET APPROVAL

The Finance team presented for approval the 2019-20 Preliminary Budget.

C. Lynd highlighted decreases to revenues and increases to expenses contributing to the overall deficit.

Also highlighted were staffing allocations to support small schools and the Special Education Program. It was noted funding not yet confirmed under Planning and Priorities Funding was excluded from the budget.

The in-year deficit elimination plan was reviewed.

R. Culhane provided details on the reorganization of the Special Education department. Changes to the service delivery model regarding Learning Coordinators and Teachers on Special Assignment(TOSA's) were reviewed.

Questions of clarification regarding the purchase/lease of portables, staffing, the budget for professional development, Special Education staffing, class size impacts, transportation costs and the sick leave budget were answered by Administration.

Moved by J. Bennett
Seconded by S. Polhill

THAT the motions be divided and a poll vote conducted for each.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Cuddy
Seconded by J. Skinner

That the 2019-2020 revenue budget of \$962,828,693 and the 2019-2020 expense budget of \$967,379,535 be approved.

YEAS: J. Bennett, P. Cuddy, B. McKinnon, M. Ruddock, S. Polhill, C. Rahman, J. Skinner, B. Smith, B. Yeoman, A. Morell, S. Hunt and C. Antone

NAYS: L. Pizzolato

Student Trustees:
YEAS: I. Frick, N. Bajaj

CARRIED

Moved by P. Cuddy
Seconded by J. Skinner

That the projected 2019-2020 deficit for compliance purposes of \$(4,670,037), be funded from the August 31, 2019 accumulated surplus through the following appropriations:

Unappropriated Accumulated Surplus (1,542,154)
Other Operating Appropriations (1,500,000)
Amount for Future Internally Supported Capital Projects (1,712,247)
Future Amortization of Internally Supported Capital Projects 84,364
Operating Deficit for Compliance Purposes (4,670,037)
Items Unavailable for Compliance (Accrued Interest) 119,195
Operating Deficit (4,550,842)

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CARRIED

Moved by P. Cuddy
Seconded by J. Skinner

THAT whereas the Ministry requires the 2019-20 in-year deficit elimination plan be approved, the expenses will be addressed in 2020-21 through the following measures:

One time project expenses that do not continue in 2020-21 \$1.5 m
Class size/teacher FTE - Local Collective Agreement language must be addressed
(approx 23 FTE) \$2.3 m
Total \$3.8 m

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CARRIED

Moved by S. Hunt

Seconded by M. Ruddock

THAT Administration review the potential of closing classrooms to address empty pupil places with a report to the Board no later than 2019 November 26.

Factors to be considered when determining potential classroom closures include: school capacity, available spaces, and program needs specific to the school.

CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA REPORT, 2019 JUNE 18

Trustee Bennett reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:06 p.m. to 6:12 p.m. The committee discussed confidential, legal and personal matters. There were no recommendations.

7. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS

Questions regarding class cap sizes for the 2019-2020 school year were answered by Administration. N. Bajaj expressed concerns regarding the impact of taking online courses on admission to Universities.

Trustee Pizzolato requested accommodations be made for Trustees to be more involved with the communication department regarding information shared with school communities. Specific reference was made to the South Collegiate Institute sports field to ensure timely communication with the school community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Trustee Cuddy, seconded by Trustee Yeoman the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Arlene Morell
Chairperson