

**JUNE 19, 2019**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Boardroom, with the following members in attendance: J. Herring (Chairperson), K. Meissner, C. Millar, S. Piatkowski, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Watson, J. Weston, C. Whetham and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl were not in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Gerard, E. Giannopoulos, B. Lemon, N. Landry, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, E. Ranney, L. Read, P. Rubenschuh, A. Russell, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: K. Penticost and S. Reidel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson J. Herring called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by K. Meissner:

**That the agenda of the June 19, 2019, Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**REPORTS**

**2019-2020 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard began by responding to questions raised during and after the 2019-2020 Budget Recommendations report at the June 17, 2019, Committee of the Whole meeting. Information was provided on local taxation, secondary enrolment growth and capacity, class sections for secondary schools and average secondary class sizes.

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Trustees asked questions regarding capacity, the reduction in class sections and the process for determining class sections.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided further details on the increase to the Behaviour Expertise Amount, the Mental Health Workers in Secondary School Priority and Partnership Funds (PPF) and Special Education funding.

Trustees asked questions of clarification regarding Special Education service levels to students and resource allocation.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided further details on the Community Use of Schools (CUS) Priority School funding previously received and confirmed there would be no fee increase in 2019-2020. Fees for 2020-2021 are currently under review and any changes will be announced.

Trustees asked if during the CUS fee review, staff could give consideration to groups who provide important services to our students and families. Director J. Bryant agreed and offered to provide follow up information in the fall.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided further details on the Contracts for Services line items in the Expense Functions portion of the budget report and the process for identifying projects for the Pupil Accommodation Grant funding.

Trustees asked further questions of clarification regarding the Priority and Partnership Funds and commended staff on the balanced budget.

2. Moved by M. Ramsay, seconded by K. Woodcock:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board (Board) approve the 2019-2020 budget as presented in this report—with revenues of \$775,575,247 and expenses of \$765,198,771 with the difference of \$10,376,476 attributed as follows:**

<b>Excess of Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,376,476</b>
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**LESS:**

**As required by Ministry of Education (Ministry) budget compliance regulations, this budget includes the following appropriations of accumulated surplus:**

<b>Increase/ (Decrease) in Unavailable for Compliance - Accumulated Surplus</b>	
<b>PSAB Adjustment for Interest Accrual</b>	<b>226,106</b>
<b>Revenues recognized for Land</b>	<b><u>10,055,151</u></b>
	<b>\$10,281,257</b>

<b>SUB-TOTAL – (Deficit) for Compliance before additional appropriations</b>	<b>\$95,219</b>
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**PLUS:**

**Increase/ (Decrease) in Internally Appropriated - Accumulated Surplus  
In-Year Committed Capital Projects**

o Amortization of committed capital projects	662,796
o Education Centre Maintenance	(710,000)
<b>To be offset in future years by Sinking Fund Interest earned</b>	<b><u>(48,015)</u></b>
	<b><u>(\$95,219)</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

-Carried-

Chairperson J. Herring echoed trustee comments of commendation and called for a round of applause for Financial Services staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**

3. Moved by J. Weston, seconded by C. Whetham:

**That the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of June 19, 2019, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.