

KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held November 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Roy H. Wilfong Boardroom, 1994 Fisher Drive, Peterborough, Ontario

Present: Trustees Angela Lloyd (Committee Chairperson), Terry Brown, Rose Kitney, Jaine Klassen Jeninga and Emilio Ojeda (virtual).

Also Present: Trustees Diane Lloyd (Chairperson of the Board) (virtual), Sarah Bobka (Vice-chairperson of the Board) (virtual), and Cathy Abraham (virtual); C. Arnew, A. Foster and S. Foss.

Due to the current health advisory and public health measures in place provincially, the meeting was available for committee members to attend in person or virtually using WebEx.

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and recognized and acknowledged that the committee was meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississauga First Nations.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee D. Lloyd

That the Committee move to In-camera Session (7:03 p.m.).

CARRIED

The Open Session of the meeting resumed (10:05 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Kitney

That Items 5.2 and 8.1 be moved up to precede Item 5.1 and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

That the minutes of the Resource Committee meeting of October 7, 2020 be adopted as recorded.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

2019-2020 Year-end Financial Variance Report

Superintendent Arnew noted that at the Audit Committee meeting of November 9, 2020, the external auditors, Baker Tilly KDN LLP, reviewed the draft year-end financial statements and the numbers in the year-end financial variance report tie in directly with those statements. The auditors gave the Board a clean audit opinion. Superintendent Arnew also noted that the reserves are essentially the Board's savings account and can be redistributed throughout the year as the Board sees fit.

April Foster, Senior Manager, Financial Systems, Reporting and Payroll Services, reviewed the report, which is based on September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 financial activity, as well as school enrolments as at October 31, 2019 and March 31, 2020. The year-end consolidated operating and capital surplus of \$14.5 million compares to a budgeted surplus of \$0.842 million, for a favourable variance of \$13.658 million. The year-end consolidated compliance surplus of \$11.207 million compares to a budgeted compliance deficit of \$2.215 million, for a favourable variance of \$13.423 million.

A. Foster highlighted that the fiscal year ended with a \$14.5 million surplus and drew attention to Summary of Financial Results, highlighting the summary of enrolment, revenue, and expenditures. It was also noted that the surplus will be offset due to pandemic related expenditures in the current school year.

Administration responded to trustee questions of clarification.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Kitney
Seconded by: Trustee Brown

That the 2019-2020 Year-end Financial Variance Report be received for information.

CARRIED

DECISION ITEMS

2019-2020 Accumulated Surplus/Deficit and Deferred Revenue Report

A. Foster summarized the description of various Reserves, as well as the recommended allocation of funds to and from Reserves for 2019-2020, in accordance with allowable use. The Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) standard requires that Internally Restricted Reserves are to be included in the Board's Accumulated Surplus. For Ministry and external reporting, the annual Surplus cannot be increased or decreased by moving amounts to or from Reserve funds.

The PSAB and Ministry reporting requirements mandate boards to set aside certain unspent grant allocations until they are spent on their intended purpose. These externally restricted amounts are reported as Deferred Revenue.

A. Foster highlighted changes and noted the newly established Staffing Fluctuations reserve which will be used to support 2020-2021 overages in staffing as a result of homeschooling.

Administration responded to trustee questions of clarification.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Ojeda

That Accumulated Surplus transfers be approved, as detailed in the 2019-2020 Accumulated Surplus/Deficit and Deferred Revenue Report, dated November 11, 2020.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ministry Capital Funding Update – Verbal

Superintendent Arnew reported that Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) did not receive funding for the new school on the Northglen Boulevard property in Bowmanville. The Ministry released the initial list of approved projects from school boards across the province in July 2020. A debrief with the Ministry indicated that KPR had submitted a good case, but that other submissions were prioritized. Subsequently, the Ministry indicated that it would be approving a second group of capital priority submissions and school boards were to hear by October 30, 2020. KPR, again, did not receive funding for the Northglen submission, although 20 new schools were approved at other boards within the province. Superintendent Arnew noted that a strongly worded note was sent to Paul Bloye, Director, Capital Program Branch at the Ministry of Education, and Didem Proulx, Assistant Deputy Minister, Capital and Business Supports Division, to which a response has not been received.

Superintendent Arnew also noted the same Capital Program Branch has not yet approved the renewal of the Clarington Education Development Charge (EDC) By-law as presented to the Board on September 10, 2020, and that Board approval has been deferred twice. The Ministry had provided an extension to boards where EDCs had expired, and the extension ends on January 19, 2021. In the meantime, building permits are being issued and the Board is losing \$300 per permit. Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., the EDC consultants, have indicated that the Ministry has come back to them with numerous questions and requests for clarification. Should approval not be received by the extension date, the EDCs would lapse, and the Board would not be able to collect the charges. The superintendent also stated that there is speculation that the Ministry could decide to load secondary classrooms the same as elementary classrooms and this would inflate facility capacity, artificially rectifying the capacity issues experienced at some school locations.

Superintendent Arnew reported that the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream funding requires a submission that facilities and information technology staff are presently putting together. The funding is dependent on many criteria and deadlines, but administration is hopeful that funding for some items submitted will be realized.

Robust discussion occurred and questions of clarification were addressed.

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Abraham
Seconded by: Trustee D. Lloyd

That the Chairperson of the Board be directed to write a letter to the Ministry of Education, outlining concerns regarding the lack of capital funding and the urgent need for a decision on the education development charges by-law approval, to be copied to the Capital Branch, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, and all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board jurisdiction.

CARRIED

Committee Chairperson A. Lloyd noted that the next meeting of the Resource Committee would take place on January 6, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

It was,

Moved by: Trustee Brown
Seconded by: Trustee Klassen Jeninga

That the Resource Committee meeting be adjourned (10:53 p.m.).

CARRIED

Angela Lloyd
Committee Chairperson
November 11, 2020