

Committee Report of Resources Committee Meeting of March 5, 2025 School Board Office

Present: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Member and Acting Chair)
Russ Chipps, Trustee (Committee Member) Online via MS Teams
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Ed Berlando, STA
Trudy Court, CUPE
Tom Davis, SPEAC
Corrine Kosik, SPVPA
Nicole Gestwa, Network Analyst, Digital Solutions
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Chair, who acknowledged that we are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation and acknowledge the three nation SD 62 works with directly in our schools; Scia'new Nation, Coast Salish, and T'Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation Nuu-chah-nulth. (words gifted by the three Nations SD62 works with)

The Chair provided instruction to Trustees and attendees joining virtually on how to participate.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated February 11, 2025, at its Public Board Meeting dated February 25, 2025.

2. PRESENTATIONS – no presentations

3. BUSINESS

4.1 25/26 Budget Development Process –David Lee-Bonar

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer provided a background on the 2025/26 budget development process. He provided details around enrolment numbers and potential pressures. There is expected to be an additional revenue of \$8.6 million for 2025/26 which includes a 3% growth rate.



Projected expenses were outlined, totalling \$9.1 million, resulting in a projected pressure of \$0.5 million at this time. Guided by the 2025-29 Strategic Plan, and in collaboration with budget engagement groups, the budget priorities will be defined within existing budget areas. The Committee discussed the estimated revenues and expenditures, in addition to the consultation process and timeline required to finalize the budget for submission, per legislated process and timelines. Committee members requested access to presentation slides in advance, as and where feasible. A copy of the Strategic Plan was also requested to be distributed as soon as possible to ensure alignment and timely engagement by partner groups as part of planned budget engagement and consultation process. The Committee also discussed the importance of working collaboratively across all partner groups and agencies. With known deficits and current local, provincial, and global economic pressures, the need for collaborative and innovative solutions and partnerships will be required. The ongoing work and relationship with the Victoria Transit Commission and BC Transit was referenced as an example of the shared advocacy that will be required.

3.1 Resource Committee Work Plan – Trustee Lervold

Similar to the work plan that is approved annually for the Board, staff have developed a Resource Committee Work Plan, which lists items to be addressed by month. The purpose of the work plan is to provide committee members with an overview of legislated and/or operational activities to provide time for consultation and/or advance preparation as required. Committee Members shared their gratitude for this structure.

4. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Adjournment at 7:04 pm. Next Meeting is on April 8, 2025.

