

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

January 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Acting Committee Chair)
Russ Chipps, Trustee (Committee Member, MS Teams)
Amanda Dowhy, Trustee
Paul Block, Superintendent
Brian Jonker, Secretary-Treasurer
Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
Amanda Culver, STA
Amber Leonard, CUPE
Ceilidh Deichmann, SPVPA
Tom Davis, SPEAC
David Lee-Bonar, Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Mhairi Bennett, Director, Facilities
Nicole Gestwa, Network Analyst, Digital Solutions

Regrets: Christine Lervold, Trustee (Committee Chair)
Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Member)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Committee Chair. The Chair acknowledged the traditional territories of the First Nations.

The Chair provided virtual participation instructions to Trustees and attendees joining online.

2. COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education of Sooke School District 62 (Sooke) received the Resources Committee Report dated December 9, 2025, at its Public Board Meeting dated December 16, 2025.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations

4. BUSINESS

4.1 2025/26 Amended Budget Update – David Lee-Bonar

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer broke down the factors contributing to the Operating Grant recalculation and subsequent budget recalculation. With the deadline of February 28, 2026 to pass an amended budget bylaw, the committee supported the following motion going forward to the Board:

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) allow all three readings of the 2025/26 Amended Budget Bylaw at its February 24, 2026 meeting.

The committee expressed appreciation for the work of the Finance team and the maturity of the forecasting process to land with \$105,000 on an \$180 million budget. Clarity was provided that the projected \$105,000 would be added to the accumulated surplus, bringing the total accumulated surplus to 3.06%. Combined with quarter 2 forecasting, staff will prepare the amended budget to be presented to the committee for consideration in February.

4.2 Energy Management Update – Mhairi Bennett

The Director of Facilities provided an update on the energy consumption dashboard and data collection and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions data and targets. Details were provided about potential projects to support greater greenhouse gas emissions reductions and implications of not meeting targets.

Discussion and dialogue ensued regarding the impacts, and the District's ability to meet the current 2030 targets.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026.