



Report from the Business Committee
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

TOPICS:

Amended Budget
Auditor General's Report
Frank J. Ney Expansion Project
Learning Services and 2020 Vision Survey Results
30-day Notice of Motion

BUDGET –The Committee recommended that the Board approve the [2016-17 Amended Budget](#), as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Carrie McVeigh.

[Watch the presentation](#)

AUDITOR'S REPORT – Secretary-Treasurer McVeigh presented BC Auditor General Carol Bellringer's [report](#), *Improving Budgeting and Expenditure Management in the Public Education System*. As part of ongoing audits in the province's public education system, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools was one of four school districts chosen to [participate](#) – which represented a range of budget sizes and geographical areas across BC.

The report includes a list of 20 self-assessment questions, based on good practice principles, for school Boards to discuss with district staff about the state of budget development and expenditure monitoring, and where improvements might be made. Also included in the report are recommendations for the Ministry of Education and all school districts in the province to consider.

FRANK J. NEY – The Committee recommended that the Board direct staff to contract Low Hammond Rowe for the design and construction supervision for the addition to Frank J. Ney Elementary, subject to the successful negotiation of a client/architect agreement.

The Committee also recommended that the Board direct staff to award a construction management agreement to Unitech Construction Management Inc., subject to the successful negotiation of a construction management agreement for the expansion project.

SURVEY RESULTS – Dale Burgos, Director of Communications, provided a high-level overview of the results from the Learning Services and 2020 Vision survey conducted with students and parents in the fall of 2016.

[Student Survey Results](#)

[Parent Survey Results](#)

NOTICE OF MOTION - At meetings held on November 16, 2016 and January 23, 2017, the Board of Education and district staff discussed policies found in [Board Governance 1.0 – Foundation and Direction](#).

After discussion, it was determined that certain policies were out of date and in need of an update, as well, some policies did not belong in the district’s policy manual – but rather, in the district’s Strategic Plan.

The following changes have been [proposed](#):

- 1.1 - Mandate
 - Now includes Board goals from policy 1.5 – *Board Goals*.
- 1.2 - Vision
 - No change – Remove from policy and include in Strategic Plan
- 1.3 - Mission
 - Updated – Remove from policy and include in Strategic Plan
- 1.4 - Values
 - Updated - Remove from policy and include in Strategic Plan
- 1.5 - Board Goals
 - Updated – Be renamed: 1.2 - Board Goals
- 1.6 - District Goals
 - No change - Remove from policy
- 1.7 - Continuous Improvement of Instruction and Assessment
 - No change – Be renamed to 1.3 - Continuous Improvement of Instruction and Assessment

The Committee recommended that the Board enter into a 30-day notice of motion, during which time the public may provide feedback on the [proposed changes](#) to Board Governance policies 1.0 - Foundation and Direction. Feedback can be emailed to communications@sd68.bc.ca or mailed to:

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