



Report from the Business Committee
Wednesday, April 11, 2018

TOPICS:

Hammond Bay Expansion Project
Special Education Audit Report
Mental Health Support
Operating Surplus and Deficit Policy
2018-19 Budget
Rutherford - Frank J. Ney Transportation

HAMMOND BAY – The Committee recommends that the Board direct staff to award the Hammond Bay Expansion Project contract to KMBR Architects Planners for the design and construction supervision for the expansion of the school. The contract is subject to the successful negotiation of a client and architect agreement.

The gym expansion and the construction of extra classrooms will continue as separate projects. The gym project is expected to be complete next school year.

[Action Sheet](#)

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SPECIAL EDUCATION – Secretary-Treasurer Carrie McVeigh shared the Ministry of Education’s 2017-18 [Special Education Compliance Audit](#) of the district. The auditors recommended: The district continue with its exemplary practices and programs to support students with special needs; to continue the professional development currently being provided to ensure the present level of consistency developing student IEPs is maintained; to find ways of sharing its comprehensive file format, processes and best practices with other districts in BC; and to not adjust the district’s special education funding.

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MENTAL HEALTH – The Committee recommends that that Board write a letter to the Minister of Mental Health to provide the district with funding for the new position of Mental Health and Addictions Coordinator, as a pilot model for possible expansion to other districts.

POLICY – Secretary-Treasurer McVeigh shared a [draft](#) of the Operating Surplus and Deficit Policy and Administrative Procedure. School districts were instructed by the BC government to create its own policy that governs operating surplus and deficit funds.

The discussion will continue at the next Business Committee meeting.

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BUDGET – The Department of Learning Services presented 2018-19 budget initiatives.

[Focus and Community Schools PowerPoint presentation](#)

[School Administrator \(NSAA\) PowerPoint presentation](#)

The Committee recommended that the Board approve, in principle, the 2018-19 operating budget on the following basis:

- Budget initiatives totaling approximately \$4.3M dollars, as presented by Superintendent Blain during the 2018-19 Budget Process, are included; and
- Four Community School Coordinators be retained for a one-year period and funded through the District’s Accumulated Surplus; and
- No other substantive changes (eliminations or additions) will be reflective in the Annual Operating Budget Bylaw (2018-19) unless added or eliminated by the Board or added after partner groups and the community have had an opportunity for feedback.

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TRANSPORTATION – Following a request from the Board at the March 14, 2018 Regular Board meeting, Director of Planning and Operations Pete Sabo presented [three transportation options](#) servicing students in the Rutherford area to Frank J. Ney Elementary for the 2018-19 school year.

The Committee recommends that the Board adopt Option #2: Use spare bus and driver, for a one year period. This route will abide by the guidelines of the [Transportation Policy](#).

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

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