



REPORT

Finance Committee

- *Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting December 15, 2015.*

Resolutions:

- *That the Rainy River District School Board approve the 2015-16 Revised Estimates.*



**Finance Committee Minutes
Education Centre
December 15, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: David Kircher, Ralph Hill, Don McBride

ALSO ATTENDED: Dianne McCormack, Michael Lewis

REGRETS: Raymond Roy

STAFF: Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Laura Mills, Superintendent of Business; Travis Enge, Manager of Plant Operations & Maintenance; Shaun Egan, Transportation Officer; Sherri Belluz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Election of Chair

Nominations were called for. David Kircher and Ralph Hill were nominated. Trustee Hill respectfully declined the nomination. Trustee Kircher accepted. No further nominations were received. David Kircher was acclaimed as Chair of the Finance Committee.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include Item 6.b) Rainy River High School/Riverview School Consolidation Update. The agenda was approved as amended.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest disclosed.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 24, 2015 were approved as circulated.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a) Fort Frances Multi-use/Tennis Courts

Correspondence has now been received that supports the conditions from the September 29, 2015 Finance Committee meeting. The Town of Fort Frances has confirmed funds for the construction of

the multi-use/tennis courts and its' commitment to maintain the courts once built. The Northwest Catholic District School Board has confirmed its commitment to the development of the tennis courts, supporting a 20 year extension of the Joint Use Agreement between the town of Fort Frances, Rainy River District School Board and Northwest Catholic District School Board.

Based on the information received to date, the Finance Committee recommended that the Rainy River District School Board commit \$112,000 to the Multi-Use/Tennis Courts project contingent upon the satisfactory revision of the Joint Use Agreement with written assurance from the Town in terms of the \$112,000 capital commitment and maintenance of the multi-use/tennis courts.

b) Rainy River High School/Riverview School Consolidation Update

The Director provided an update on meetings held with the Ministry of Education on December 8th and Rainy River Municipal Council on December 14th.

The Ministry discussed aspects of the Board's business case that would be amenable to attracting funding, (i.e. creating a community hub, sharing of space with a co-terminus board, cost savings). The Town Council was very interested in exploring a community hub in that their offices, seniors' centre, library, and recreation centre are in need of either renovations or a new build. The Town Council was asked to provide administration with a letter of interest which will be included in the business case.

The Finance Committee requested that the Director to write a letter to the Northwest Catholic District School Board to begin discussions with regards to any potential sharing of space with the Rainy River High School/Riverview consolidation and Our Lady of the Way School.

7. New Business

a) 2015-16 Revised Estimates

The Revised Estimates are required to be filed with the Ministry of Education each December and reflects an updated budget for the Board that was passed in June 2015.

The Revised Estimates for the 2015-16 year are balanced reflecting changes due to:

- Enrolment
- Changes in Grants for Student Needs due to enrolment and staffing changes
- Staffing adjustments as a result of enrolment changes
- Increase in Education Program Other (EPO) Grants that affect revenue and expenditures
- Supplies budgets changed to capital equipment budgets.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Rainy River District School Board approve the 2015-16 Revised Estimates for \$50,619,319 pending Ministry approval.

b) Transportation: Ride Times Update

An update on the ride times was presented for information.

It was requested that, in future, the maps provide school attendance zones and clear run directions based on the bus route. Given the unique geography of the district, the Consortium will endeavor to provide more clear information.

8. In Camera

It was moved that the Finance Committee meet in camera pursuant to Section 207(2) of the *Education Act* to discuss procurement.

9. Rise and Report

The Finance Committee authorized administration to proceed with single source procurement of the available bus operator routes.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Rainy River District School Board approve an adjusted budget for the Donald Young Renovation project and re-tender the project in January 2016, pending Ministry of Education approval.

10. Correspondence

The Committee received the following correspondence for information:

- a) Board correspondence to Mr. Randy Thoms.

11. Future Meetings

The next Finance Committee meeting is January 26, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.