

School District 72 Board News

MEETING OF
MAY 17, 2022

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Chairperson Remarks

Chairperson Kerr started the meeting by highlighting that sole agenda item would be reviewing the senior management team's recommendations for the district's 2022-2023 budget.

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Reductions Needed to Address \$2.1 Million Deficit

Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Patrick presented the board with a draft budget and list of recommendations from senior management, with consideration from stakeholders, regarding the 2022-2023 operating budget.

The district started the budget development process in February with a \$1.9 million deficit that, after adjustments, finished at \$2.1 million due to inflation, COVID cost pressures, and the provincially required addition of five sick days a year for TTOCs.

In previous years, the district has been able to draw a portion of the operating deficit from surplus. However, the surplus has been significantly reduced and the emergency contingency is almost gone – down to \$200,000 from \$1.3 million and the unrestricted amounts are down to below \$400,000.

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick confirmed for the board that provincial education block funding is not adjusted for inflation and that districts often rely on growth to try to stay ahead of inflation. Unfortunately, the district is only expected to increase by 49 FTE for next year.

The draft budget and recommended reductions are the culmination of months of work and consultation with the

budget function committee, principals and vice-principals, the Indigenous Education Advisory Council, students, parents, and senior management team.

The [full list of recommendations](#) is posted on the district website.

Feedback can be sent to Natalie Crawshaw in the secretary-treasurer's office at natalie.crawshaw@sd72.bc.ca by 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 26. The board will review feedback and possibly approve the budget at the May 31 public board meeting.

The [full budget development process](#) was posted on the district website at the start of the budget consultations.

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