



# Highlights from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

## Meeting highlights from the May 27 - Budget Meeting -

### 1. Review of Feedback from Public Budget Presentation

Director of Finance Avice DeKolver provided a summary based on the feedback received from the public budget presentation. She mentioned the Division's budget video had 130 views, and 21 respondents participated in the online feedback survey.

### 2. Opening Comments

Each Trustee was permitted five minutes to make general comments on the budget or identify particular issues that they wished to highlight.

Comments from Trustee Andrea Andreachuk begin at the 7:15 mark.

Comments from Trustee Genny Steed begin at the 11:00 mark.

Comments from Board Chair Allison Purcell begin at the 16:10 mark.

Comments from Board Vice-Chair Christine Light begin at the 21:15 mark.

Comments from Trustee Tyler Demers begin at the 26:40 mark.

Comments from Trustee Kristina Larkin begin at the 27:50 mark.

Comments from Trustee Craig Whitehead begin at the 35:00 mark.

The comments can be heard and viewed by clicking this link: [LIVESTREAM](#).

### 3. Revenues and Allocations

Discussion in this section focused on revenues and allocations, including projected operating revenues, fees, inter-fund transfers, etc. Total revenues and the allocation to each block was then finalized.

#### a) Fees

Fee information was attached to the agenda, which included the fee overview, and the 2024/2025 detailed proposed school fee listing.

Before discussions began on the fees, the following motion was proposed: To have the Superintendent bring forward to the June Board Meeting an amended policy that complies with current fee regulations.

The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, the following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the 2024/2025 School Fee Schedule as presented.

The motion was defeated 5-2, as Andreachuk, Light, Purcell, Steed and Whitehead voted against the motion, and Demers and Larkin voted for the motion.

Following more discussion, the following motion was put to a vote: That the board approve a 2024/2025 school fee schedule on the condition that fees for optional courses do not exceed a 5-per-cent increase from 2023/2024.

The motion was defeated 5-2, as Andreachuk, Demers, Larkin, Light and Whitehead voted against the motion, and Purcell and Steed voted for the motion.

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### **3. Revenues and Allocations**

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#### **a) Fees**

Following addition discussion, the following motion was put to a vote: Any fee that is presenting a greater than 5-per-cent increase must be evaluated and approved by the Superintendent of schools or delegate.

The motion was defeated 6-1, as Andreachuk, Demers, Larkin, Light, Purcell and Steed voted against the motion, and Whitehead voted for the motion.

Afterwards, the following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the 2024/2025 School Fee Schedule as presented. The 2025/2026 School Fee Schedule to follow the School Fee Regulation, Policy and Procedure.

The motion passed by a 6-1 vote, as Andreachuk, Larkin, Light, Purcell, Steed and Whitehead voted for the motion, and Demers voted against the motion.

Discussion began at the 51:50 mark of the [LIVESTREAM](#).

#### **b) Overall Revenues and Allocations**

The following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the revenues and use of one-time reserves for the 2024/2025 budget, as per page 27 as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

### **4. Expenditures and Transfers**

Overall expenditures and transfers for the Division were outlined as per page 28 of the 2024/2025 budget. The discussion occurred in five sections.

#### **a) Instruction**

Following discussion, the following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the Instruction expenditures and transfers as per pages 33-35 of the 2024/2025 budget as presented.

The motion was defeated 4-3, as Andreachuk, Purcell, Steed and Whitehead voted against the motion, and Demers, Larkin and Light voted for the motion.

Following additional discussion, the following motion was put to a vote: To have the Board and the executive meet before May 31 in order to revise the instructional budget.

The motion was defeated by a 4-3 vote, as Andreachuk, Demers, Larkin and Light voted against the motion, and Purcell, Steed and Whitehead voted for the motion.

Following addition discussion, the following motion was put to a vote: Subject to the enrollment contingency of \$754,000 being allocated to classroom teachers and educational assistants, if enrollment projections are met by Sept. 30, that the instructional expenditures and transfers be approved.

The motion was passed by a 5-2 vote, as Andreachuk, Demers, Larkin, Light and Whitehead voted for the motion, and Purcell and Steed voted against the motion.

Discussion began at the 1:40:25 mark of the [LIVESTREAM](#).

#### **b) Administration**

The following was put to a vote: That the Board approve the Administration expenditures and transfers as per pages 36-38 of the 2024/2025 budget as presented.

The motion was passed by a 5-2 vote, as Andreachuk, Demers, Larkin, Light and Whitehead voted for the motion, and Purcell and Steed voted against the motion.

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### **4. Expenditures and Transfers**

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#### **c) Plant Operations and Maintenance**

The following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the Plant Operations and Maintenance expenditures and transfers as per pages 39-40 of the 2024/2025 budget as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **d) Transportation**

The following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the Transportation expenditures and transfers as per pages 41-42 of the 2024/2025 budget as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **e) Capital and Debt Services**

The following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the Capital and Debt Services expenditures and transfers as per pages 43-44 of the 2024/2025 budget as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

### **5. Budget Approval**

After consideration of the budget assumptions used in developing the budget and the Board budget beliefs and priorities, the following motion was put to a vote: That the Board approve the 2024/2025 preliminary budget for Lethbridge School Division, as detailed in the previous motions, and authorize administration to allocate and expend funds in accordance with the budget.

The motion was passed by a 5-2 vote, as Andreachuk, Demers, Larkin, Light and Whitehead voted for the motion, and Purcell and Steed voted against the motion.

**Budget Meeting video: [LIVESTREAM](#)**



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