

# Regional School Unit No. 5

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## Finance Subcommittee Report

Date: September 19, 2013

Committee: Finance Subcommittee

Chair: John Morang

Meeting Date: September 11, 2013

Members Present: Kate Brown, John Ricker, John Morang, and Shannon Welsh

### Agenda Items and Discussion:

#### Election of Chair of Finance Committee:

John Ricker expressed that he would like to be Chair but has a conflict with meeting dates and therefore nominated John Morang. Kate Brown seconded the nomination. John Morang accepted the nomination. All members voted in favor.

#### Update on Negotiations Schedule:

Superintendent Welsh reported that she had met with Nancy Drolet, President of the CEA and had received the 120 day notice required to begin the negotiations process. The CEA is working to schedule meetings with its membership and will report back what dates they have available to begin the process with the Board of Directors.

#### Update on 2013/2014 Capital Projects:

Transportation and Facilities Director Dennis Ouellette updated the Finance Committee on the status of the projects within the 2013/2014 Capital Plan. Dennis reported that as part of replacing the carpet in Morse St School there was asbestos abatement needed which caused the project to over expend. These overages were absorbed within several other projects that that came in under budget. These projects include Morse St -Gym and D Wing Roof, Middle School Gym Roof, Pownal Main Hall Carpet. Savings from the Pownal Main Hall Carpet replacement were also used to upgrade the Pownal exterior trim painting to installing metal trim that would not require painting in the future. Director Ouellette went on to explain that there is a great demand for Special Education transportation, which is driving the need for two additional seven-passenger vans within this year's capital budget. In an effort to accommodate this need adjustments have been made within the Central Office that are allowing the proposed changes/upgrades to be put off freeing up the money required to enter into two three year leases for the vans. Director Ouellette also reported that the Safety Committee had not received the grant they applied for at the end of the school year for the security upgrades at the entrances of our schools. The Safety Committee was recommending that up to \$25,000 of the proposed \$50,000 scheduled to be put into the Capital Reserves account be spent on upgrading the security at the entrances of our schools.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to support both the purchase of the vans for special education transportation as well as to support the use of up to \$25,000 for security upgrades at the entrances to our schools.

#### Warrant Signing:

Warrants signed.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2013

- Warrant Signing
- Proposed 2014/2015 Capital Plan Review
- Health Insurance Update

Submitted by: Kelly Wentworth, Finance Director