

HYDABURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report February 16, 2017

Office Transition

Charity McConnell-Edwards has been receiving training and we anticipate an increasing transfer of responsibilities. I will have an agreement for the Board to sign at the next Board meeting agreeing to return dollars that would have been spent on a worker in Thorne Bay for March through June. Please note that this money will not cover all of the costs of the new position in Hydaburg, especially as we add duties and hours, including payroll responsibilities.

Administrative Transfer

We are proceeding with a transition plan to return administrative duties to Hydaburg for the coming year. Bart is being offered a contract as Principal/Superintendent. Combining those duties has not been very successful from my perspective since I have been on the island. We have been working to find a workable solution to the staggering workload of both duties.

Below is a summary of my suggestions and indications of additional costs that would no longer be covered by the SISD contract and were not included in the 2016-2017 budget:

Human Resources: The presumption is that Bart would absorb these duties. This is a duty that includes many complex aspects, which can be very time consuming. If you contracted any of these duties, there would be additional costs.

Board meeting support: Added to an existing position? This is also a responsibility that includes many complex aspects.

Reports and Paperwork: Provide an additional stipend for David Staley to provide support for these responsibilities: \$15,000

Business Management: Encourage Lucienne to continue providing financial oversight.

Special Education: Continue a stipend for Special Education Supervision.

State & Federal Programs/Grants: Continue a stipend for grant management and pursuing new grants: \$15,000

Payroll: Work with Lucienne to determine costs adding payroll functions to the new Admin Clerk/Accounting Tech position.

Budget Workshop

Lucienne has prepared information for the workshop. We are short of funds for this year. One issue that continues to come up is increased travel expenses due to purchasing airline tickets less than two weeks before travel, which results in considerably higher ticket prices. On the other hand, we have drastically reduced board and administrative travel and limited teacher trainings. Even if we continue to limit expenses, we will still need to use funds that should be carried over for next year's budget.

As always, student count will be the determining factor on whether we are to balance the budget for next year.

Teacher Contracts

Those are due to be returned by February 19. As of today we are still short three.

9. B. 2nd Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Affected by HB 156

I recommend approval. Chris can speak to this, although there is not much to debate as we are expected to accommodate legislative action.

9. C. 2nd Reading, Board Policies 3523-3580

I recommend approval.

10. A. 1st Reading, FY2018 Budget

We will have reviewed the first draft at the Budget Workshop this evening. Board comments from the Workshop will be taken into account for the next reading of the proposed budget. **I recommend moving this item to a 2nd reading.**

10. B. Resolution 2017-03

We have been asked to support the 2017 Transportation Priorities for Prince of Wales Island identified in POWCAC's resolution. **I recommend approval.**

10. C. Board Stipends

I had initially suggested that we wait to see if we were financially solvent in June. We know now that we will end the year in an adequate position, although we are consuming funds to finish the year by pulling from other accounts that, as a result, will have less money available next year. Continued deficit spending cannot be sustained indefinitely. I recognize that the Board puts in many hours with no compensation. I leave it to the Board to decide this issue. The Board Stipend is in Board policy. I do not believe we need a vote on this topic and that the Board President can simply request that the funds be allocated per Board policy.

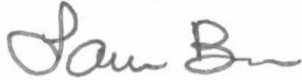
10. D. 1st Reading Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 4000-4111.2

I recommend this item be moved to a second reading to allow addition time for Board review.

10. E. 1st Reading, Board Policies 4211-4253

I recommend this item be moved to a second reading to allow addition time for Board review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Burch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren Burch
Superintendent