



Report to the Board of Trustees

Audited Financial Statements – August 31st, 2017

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Budget Implications:

Core Priority:

Student Achievement and Well-Being

Effective Stewardship of Board Resources

Appropriate and Effective Faith-Based Programming

Organizational and Capacity Building

Meeting Date: December 4, 2017

Report Number: E.11.(h).17.

Action:

Information:

Follow Up Item:

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Recommendation(s):

On the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Board of Trustees approve the 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements; and appoint Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP as the external auditors for the year ended August 31st, 2018.

Background

The year end of the board is August 31st and at that time an audit is completed on the financial activity of the board.

Discussion

Year End Financial Statements

The year end financial statements and the report of the external auditor were reviewed by the audit committee at their meeting on Thursday, November 30th, 2017

Operating Results

The year end financial statements include comparison to the 2016/2017 Preliminary Budget as approved by Trustees in June 2016 which included a surplus of \$355,000. The consolidated statement of operations shows an in year surplus of \$3,173,000 which is significantly better than the budget.

The improved financial results are due to a number of factors including:

- Favourable actuarial adjustment to future employee benefit costs
- Increase in balance of school generated funds
- Increase in investment in land
- Increased revenues greater than expenditures.

Accumulated Surplus

The accumulated surplus (deficit) is made up of three amounts.

Unappropriated surplus is available for the board's use and is at a surplus of \$1.622 million.

Internally appropriated surplus has been set aside for future liabilities and shows a balance of \$1.556 million.

Externally appropriated surplus is not available for use as it is invested in land etc. The balance is \$25.479 million.

As part of the multi-year recovery plan, the board was to attain an unappropriated surplus of between 0.3% and 1% of operating revenues. At August 31st, 2017 the unappropriated surplus was 0.67%

External Auditors

In December 2013, the board appointed Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP (PwC) as the external auditors after a public procurement process. The initial agreement was for 5 years ending in 2018. At this time administration is recommending that the Board reappoint Pricewaterhouse Coopers for year 5 of the agreement.

Recommendation

Administration is recommending that the financial statements for 2016/2017 be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Enclosures

- 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements