Dufferin-Peel
Catholic District
School Board

Consolidated financial statements of

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

August 31, 2015

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Management Report

Year ended August 31, 2015

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board are the responsibility of the Board's management and have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Administration Act, supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act as described in Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Board management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

The Board meets with management and the external auditors to review the consolidated financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Deloitte LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Board. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Board's consolidated financial statements.

J.B. Kostoff
Director of Education

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of the
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at August 31, 2015, the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board as at and for the year ended August 31, 2015 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

Emphasis of Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1(a) to the consolidated financial statements which describes the basis of accounting used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements and the significant differences between such basis of accounting and Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
November 24, 2015

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Consolidated statement of financial position
as at August 31, 2015
(In thousands of dollars)

	2015	2014
	$	$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	**114,325**	132,353
Accounts receivable - other	**38,927**	43,255
Accounts receivable - Province of Ontario (Note 3)	**430,087**	432,717
Total financial assets	**583,339**	608,325
Financial liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**42,959**	44,329
Accounts payable - Province of Ontario	**2,635**	3,776
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	**28,148**	26,155
Obligation under capital leases (Note 6)	**1,610**	3,113
Net long-term debt (Note 8)	**451,285**	473,502
Retirement and other employee future benefits payable (Note 10)	**20,723**	25,466
Deferred capital contributions (Note 5)	**938,551**	959,559
Total liabilities	**1,485,911**	1,535,900
Net debt	**(902,572)**	(927,575)
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses and supplies	**1,814**	1,273
Tangible capital assets (Note 15)	**1,208,723**	1,216,920
Total non-financial assets	**1,210,537**	1,218,193
Accumulated surplus	**307,965**	290,618

Approved by the Board

John B Kostoff ________ Director of Education

________ Chair of the Board

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Consolidated statement of operations
year ended August 31, 2015
(In thousands of dollars)

	Budget	2015 Actual	2014 Actual
	$	$	$
Revenue			
Provincial grants			
Grants for Student Needs	**868,442**	**869,143**	820,980
Other	**5,998**	**9,452**	41,831
Deferred capital contributions recognized	**42,272**	**46,876**	38,933
School generated funds	**22,054**	**23,057**	23,996
Federal grants and fees	**651**	**695**	732
Investment income	**2,200**	**2,352**	3,496
Other fees and revenues	**8,128**	**21,139**	14,953
Total revenues	**949,745**	**972,714**	944,921
Expenses (Note 11)			
Instruction	**736,483**	**729,190**	713,546
Administration	**24,570**	**26,034**	27,570
Transportation	**18,423**	**17,951**	17,528
School operations/pupil accommodation	**145,783**	**153,275**	152,446
School generated funds	**22,054**	**23,313**	23,148
Other	**3,369**	**5,604**	3,369
Total expenses	**950,682**	**955,367**	937,607
Annual (deficit) surplus	**(937)**	**17,347**	7,314
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	**280,765**	**290,618**	283,304
Accumulated surplus, end of year	**279,828**	**307,965**	290,618

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Consolidated statement of change in net debt
year ended August 31, 2015
(In thousands of dollars)

	2015	2014
	$	$
Annual surplus	**17,347**	7,314
Tangible capital asset activities		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	**(39,451)**	(36,818)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	**47,621**	41,632
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	**27**	-
Total tangible asset activities	**8,197**	4,814
Other non-financial asset activity		
Acquisition of prepaid expenses and supplies	**(2,637)**	(1,273)
Use of prepaid expenses and supplies	**2,096**	712
Total other non-financial asset activities	**(541)**	(561)
Decrease in net debt	**25,003**	11,567
Net debt, beginning of year	**(927,575)**	(939,142)
Net debt, end of year	**(902,572)**	(927,575)

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Consolidated statement of cash flows
year ended August 31, 2015
(In thousands of dollars)

	2015	2014
	$	$
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus	**17,347**	7,314
Items not involving cash		
Deferred capital contribution recognized as revenue	**(46,876)**	(38,933)
Amortization	**47,621**	41,632
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable - other	**4,328**	(2,389)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	**(1,370)**	1,178
Accounts payable - Province of Ontario	**(1,141)**	1,825
Deferred revenue	**(1,567)**	(6,496)
Retirement and other employee future benefits payable	**(4,743)**	2,437
Prepaid expenses and supplies	**(541)**	(561)
Net change in cash from operating activities	**13,058**	6,007
Capital transaction		
Proceeds from the sale of tangible capital assets	**27**	-
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	**(39,154)**	(36,818)
Net change in cash from capital activities	**(39,127)**	(36,818)
Financing transactions		
Debt principal repaid and sinking fund contributions (Note 9)	**(22,217)**	(22,045)
Repayment of obligations under capital lease	**(1,800)**	(1,952)
Increase in deferred revenue - capital	**3,560**	614
Deferred capital contributions received and change in accounts receivable - Province of Ontario	**28,498**	58,214
Net change in cash from financing activities	**8,041**	34,831
Change in cash and cash equivalents	**(18,028)**	4,020
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	**132,353**	128,333
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	**114,325**	132,353
Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of the following:		
Cash	**113,677**	131,708
Investments	**648**	645
	114,325	132,353
Non-cash transaction		
Tangible capital assets acquired through obligation under capital lease	**297**	-

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

1. Significant accounting policies

The consolidated financial statements are prepared by management in accordance with the basis of accounting described below.

a) *Basis of accounting*

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Administration Act supplemented by Ontario Ministry of Education memorandum 2004:B2 and Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act.

The Financial Administration Act requires that the consolidated financial statements be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles determined by the relevant Ministry of the Province of Ontario. A directive was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education within memorandum 2004:B2 requiring school boards to adopt Canadian public sector accounting standards commencing with their year ended August 31, 2005 and that changes may be required to the application of these standards as a result of regulation.

In 2011, the government passed Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act. The Regulation requires that contributions received or receivable for the acquisition or development of depreciable tangible capital assets and contributions of depreciable tangible capital assets for use in providing services, be recorded as deferred capital contributions and be recognized as revenue in the consolidated statement of operations over the periods during which the asset is used to provide service at the same rate that amortization is recognized in respect of the related asset. The regulation further requires that if the net book value of the depreciable tangible capital asset is reduced for any reason other than depreciation, a proportionate reduction of the deferred capital contribution along with a proportionate increase in the revenue be recognized. For Ontario school boards, these contributions include government transfers, externally restricted contributions and, historically, property tax revenue.

The accounting policy requirements under Regulation 395/11 are significantly different from the requirements of Canadian public sector accounting standards which requires that:

- Government transfers, including amounts previously recognized as tax revenue which do not contain a stipulation that creates a liability, be recognized as revenue by the recipient when approved by the transferor and the eligibility criteria have been met in accordance with public sector accounting standard PS3410; and
- Externally restricted contributions be recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for the purpose or purposes specified in accordance with public sector accounting standard PS3100.

As a result, revenue recognized in the consolidated statement of operations and certain related deferred revenues and deferred capital contributions would be recorded differently under Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (“PSAS”).

b) *Reporting entity*

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations accountable for the administration of their financial affairs and resources to the Board and which are controlled by the Board.

School generated funds, which include the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of various organizations that exist at the school level and which are controlled by the Board are reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

The reporting entity is comprised of:

- The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- School Generated Funds

All material interdepartmental and inter-organizational transactions and balances between these organizations are eliminated on consolidation.

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

c) Trust funds

Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Board amounting to $2,058 (2014 - $2,742) are not included in the consolidated financial statements.

d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash on hand, demand deposits and investments which are highly liquid, subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and have a short-term maturity of less than 90 days.

e) Deferred revenue

Certain amounts are received pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used in the conduct of certain programs or in the delivery of specific services and transactions. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal year the related qualifying expenses are incurred or services are performed.

f) Deferred capital contributions

Contributions received or receivable for the purpose of acquiring or developing a depreciable tangible capital asset for use in providing services, or any contributions in the form of depreciable tangible assets received or receivable for use in providing services, shall be recognized as deferred capital contributions as defined in Ontario Regulation 395/11 of the Financial Administration Act. These amounts are recognized as revenue at the same rate as the related tangible capital asset is amortized. The following items fall under this category:

- Government transfers received or receivable for capital purpose
- Other restricted contributions received or receivable for capital purpose
- Amounts previously recognized as property taxation revenues which were historically used to fund tangible capital assets

g) Retirement and other employee future benefits

The Board provides defined retirement and other future benefits to specified employee groups. These benefits include pension, life insurance and health care benefits, retirement gratuity, worker's compensation, accumulated sick leave and long-term disability benefits. The Board has adopted the following policies with respect to accounting for these employee benefits:

(i) The costs of self-insured retirement and other employee future benefit plans are actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, accumulated sick days at retirement, insurance and health care costs trends, disability recovery rates, long-term inflation rates and discount rates. In prior years, the cost of retirement gratuities that vested or accumulated over the periods of service provided by the employee were actuarially determined using management's best estimate of salary escalation, accumulated sick days at retirement and discount rates. Any actuarial gains and losses arising from changes to the discount rate are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the employee group.

For self-insured retirement and other employee future benefits that vest and accumulate over the periods of service provided by employees, such life insurance and health care benefits for retirees, the cost is actuarially determined using the projected benefits method prorated on service. Under this method, the benefit costs are recognized over the expected average service life of the employee group.

For those self-insured benefit obligations that arise from specific events that occur from time to time, such as obligations for worker's compensation, long-term disability and life insurance and health care benefits for those on disability leave, the cost is recognized immediately in the period the events occur. Any actuarial gains and losses that are related to these benefits are recognized immediately in the period they arise.

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

g) Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued)

(ii) The Board's contribution to multi-employer defined pension plan benefits, such as the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System pensions, are recorded in the period in which they become payable.

(iii) The costs of insured benefits for active employees reflected in these consolidated financial statements are the Board's portion of insurance premiums owed for coverage of employees during the period.

h) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at historical cost less accumulated amortization. Historical cost includes amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, design, construction, development or betterment of the asset, as well as interest related to financing during construction. When historical cost records were not available, other methods were used to estimate the costs and accumulated amortization.

Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as leased tangible capital assets. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

Tangible capital assets, except land, are amortized on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset class	Estimated useful life in years
Land improvements	15
Building and building improvements	40
Portable structures	20
Other buildings	20
First-time equipping of schools	10
Furniture	10
Equipment	5 - 15
Leased equipment	Over the lease term
Computer hardware	5
Computer software	5
Vehicles	5 - 10
Leasehold improvements	Over the lease term

Assets under construction and assets that relate to pre-acquisition and pre-construction costs are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use. One-half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and the year of disposal.

Land permanently removed from service and held for resale is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost includes amounts for improvements to prepare the land for sale or servicing. Buildings permanently removed from service cease to be amortized and are recorded at the lower of carrying value and estimated net realizable value. Tangible capital assets which meet the criteria for financial assets are reclassified as “assets held for sale” on the consolidated statement of financial position.

Works of art and cultural and historic assets are not recorded as assets in these consolidated financial statements.

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

i) Government transfers

Government transfers, which include legislative grants, are recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amount can be made.

Government transfers for capital that meet the definition of a liability are referred to as deferred capital contributions (DCC). Amounts are recognized into revenue as the liability is extinguished over the useful life of the asset.

j) Investment income

Investment income is reported as revenue in the period earned.

When required by the funding government or related Act, investment income earned on externally restricted funds such as pupil accommodation, education development charges and special education forms part of the respective deferred revenue balances.

k) Long-term debt

Long-term debt is recorded net of related sinking fund balances.

l) Budget figures

Budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the budget approved by Trustees. The budget approved by the Trustees is developed in accordance with the provincially mandated funding model for school boards and is used to manage program spending within the guidelines of the funding model. Given differences between the funding model and the basis of accounting used by the school board in the preparation of the financial statements, the budget figures have been adjusted to conform with this basis of accounting as it is used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. As the Board only prepares a budget for the statement of operations, the budget figures in the consolidated statement of change in net debt have not been provided.

m) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1(a) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates are reviewed periodically by management, and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the period in which they become known. Accounts subject to significant estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, retirement and other employee future benefits payable and tangible capital assets.

n) Property tax revenue

Under PSAS, the entity that determines and sets the tax levy records the revenue in the financial statements, which in the case of the Board, is the Province of Ontario. As a result, property tax revenue received from the municipalities is recorded as part of Provincial Grants.

(In thousands of dollars)

2. Changes in accounting policies

The Board has implemented Public Sector Accounting Board (“PSAB”) section 3260 Liability for contaminated sites. Section 3260 requires governments to record a liability in their financial statements if they have a contaminated site that meets the requirements set out in the standard. The standard defines contamination as the introduction into air, soil, water or sediment of a chemical, organic or radioactive material or live organism that exceeds an environmental standard. The standard generally applies to sites that are not in productive use. Sites that are in productive use are only considered contaminated if there was an unexpected event that resulted in contamination. This change has been applied retroactively without the restatement of prior periods.

The adoption of this standard did not have an impact on the Board’s financial statements.

3. Accounts receivable - Province of Ontario

The Province of Ontario replaced variable capital funding with a one-time debt support grant in 2009-10. The Board received a one-time grant that recognized capital debt as of August 31, 2010 that is supported by the capital programs existing at the time. The Board will receive this grant in cash over the remaining term of the existing capital debt instruments. The Board may also receive yearly capital grants to support capital programs which would be reflected in this account receivable.

The Board has an account receivable from the Province of Ontario of $430,087 as at August 31, 2015 (2014 - $432,717) with respect to capital grants.

4. Deferred revenue

a) Deferred revenue externally restricted for specific purposes by legislation, regulation or agreement as at August 31 is comprised of the following:

	2015	2014
	$	$
Proceeds from disposition	**10,555**	10,420
Deferred revenue - other		
Restricted Provincial capital grants received	**12,874**	11,156
Restricted Provincial operating grants received	**1,694**	3,207
Other - tuition fees, permits	**3,025**	1,372
	28,148	26,155

b) The continuity of deferred revenue of the Board is summarized below:

	2015	2014
	$	$
Balance, beginning of year	**26,155**	32,037
Increase in deferred revenue	**181,279**	194,631
Interest earned	**107**	118
Transferred to deferred capital contributions	**(14,566)**	(17,010)
Deferred revenue recognized in the year	**(164,827)**	(183,621)
Balance, end of year	**28,148**	26,155

(In thousands of dollars)

5. Deferred capital contributions

Deferred capital contributions include grants and contributions received that are used for the acquisition of tangible capital assets in accordance with regulation 395/11 that have been expended by year end. The contributions are amortized into revenue over the life of the asset acquired.

	2015	2014
	$	$
Balance, beginning of year	**959,559**	962,590
Deferred capital contributions received	**25,868**	35,902
Revenue recognized in the period	**(46,876)**	(38,933)
Balance, end of year	**938,551**	959,559

6. Obligation under capital leases

The Board has obligations under various capital leases with expiries ranging from 2015 to 2019 and interest rates ranging from 2.10% to 2.93%. Principal and interest payments relating to capital lease obligations of $1,610 (2014 - $3,113) outstanding as at August 31 are due as follows:

	Principal payment	Interest	Total
	$	$	$
2015/2016	1,082	41	1,123
2016/2017	406	13	419
2017/2018	60	3	63
2018/2019	62	1	63
	1,610	58	1,668

7. Temporary borrowing

In accordance with Section 243(1) of the Education Act, the Board has a resolution to authorize the borrowing, by way of promissory note, bankers' acceptance or operating overdraft, up to a maximum of $150,000. The outstanding amount at any given time would substantially represent the unreceived or uncollected balance of the estimated revenues.

The Board has available a credit facility of $60,000 and as of year-end had no borrowings against this facility (2014 - $Nil). The interest on temporary borrowings, when drawn, would be at the bank's prime lending rate minus 0.75%, or bankers' acceptance facility at the bankers' acceptance rate plus 0.75%. Any temporary borrowings would be unsecured and due on demand.

(In thousands of dollars)

8. Net long-term debt

a) Net long-term debt reported on the consolidated statement of financial position is comprised of the following:

Debenture	Interest rate	Maturity	**2015**	2014
	%		**$**	$
OSBFC By-Law #99	7.20	June 9, 2025	**37,079**	39,540
OSBFC By-Law #103	6.55	October 19, 2026	**56,275**	59,472
OSBFC By-Law #111	5.48	November 26, 2029	**95,196**	99,405
OSBFC By-Law #113	4.79	August 8, 2030	**19,245**	20,106
OFA By-Law #124	3.94	September 19, 2025	**34,890**	37,574
OSBFC Sinking Fund By-Law #105*	5.70	October 11, 2017	**103,134**	103,134
OFA By-Law #116	4.56	November 15, 2031	**10,284**	10,695
OSBFC By-Law #118	5.38	June 25, 2032	**95,540**	98,912
OFA By-Law #120	4.90	March 3, 2033	**4,126**	4,269
OFA By-Law #123	5.23	April 13, 2035	**13,949**	14,339
OFA By-Law #126	2.43	November 15, 2021	**15,115**	17,238
Less: Sinking fund assets			**(33,548)**	(31,182)
Balance as at August 31			**451,285**	473,502

* The Board intends to refinance the sinking fund maturing on October 11, 2017 for an additional ten year term.

b) Payments relating to net long-term debt of $451,285 outstanding as at August 31, 2015 are due as follows:

	Principal and sinking fund contributions	Interest	Total
	$	$	$
2015/2016	22,319	26,383	48,702
2016/2017	23,438	25,265	48,703
2017/2018	96,572	21,142	117,714
2018/2019	24,459	16,954	41,413
2019/2020	25,780	15,632	41,412
Thereafter	258,717	77,480	336,197
Net long-term debt	451,285	182,856	634,141

Included in net long-term debt are outstanding debentures of $103,134 (2014 - $103,134) secured by sinking fund assets with a carrying value of $33,548 (market value - $34,502), which includes accrued interest. Sinking fund assets are comprised of short-term notes and deposits, government and government-guaranteed bonds and debentures and corporate bonds.

(In thousands of dollars)

9. Debt charges

Debt charges for the year include principal, sinking fund contributions and interest payments as follows:

	2015	2014
	$	$
Principal payments on long-term debt, including contributions to sinking fund	**22,217**	22,045
Interest payments on long-term debt	**27,441**	28,442
Total	**49,658**	50,487

Included in debt repayment and sinking fund contributions on the consolidated statement of cash flows in total of $22,217 (2014 - $22,045) are the principal payments on long-term debt, including contributions to sinking funds of $21,261 (2014 - $20,260) and sinking fund interest revenue of $956 (2014 - $1,785).

10. Retirement and other employee future benefits

Retirement and other employee future benefit liabilities

	2015			2014
	Retirement gratuity	**Other employee future benefits**	**Total**	Total
	$	$	$	$
Accrued employee future benefit obligations at August 31	**1,536**	**18,520**	**20,056**	27,845
Unamortized actuarial gains (losses) at August 31	**667**	**-**	**667**	(2,379)
Employee future benefits liability at August 31	**2,203**	**18,520**	**20,723**	25,466

Retirement and other employee future benefit expense (recovery)

	2015			2014
	Retirement gratuity	**Other employee future benefits**	**Total**	Total
	$	$	$	$
Current year benefit (recovery) cost	**-**	**(4,030)**	**(4,030)**	4,613
Amortization of actuarial (gains) losses	**165**	**2,280**	**2,445**	782
Interest on accrued benefit obligation	**78**	**621**	**699**	864
Employee future benefits expense (recovery) *	**243**	**(1,129)**	**(886)**	6,259

* Excluding pension contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, a multi-employer pension plan, described below.

(In thousands of dollars)

10. Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued)

Actuarial assumptions

The accrued benefit obligations for employee future benefit plans as at August 31, 2015 are based on the most recent actuarial valuations completed for accounting purposes as at August 31, 2015. These valuations take into account the plan changes outlined above and the economic assumptions used in these valuations are the Board's best estimates of expected rates of:

	2015	2014
	%	%
Wage and salary escalation	**-**	-
Insurance and health care cost escalation	**8.5 - 4.0**	8.1 - 4.5
Dental care cost escalation	**4.5 - 3.0**	4.5
Discount on accrued benefit obligation	**2.45**	3.0

Retirement benefits

i) Retirement Gratuities

The Board provides retirement gratuities to certain groups of employees. The academic staff is the largest group. Employee eligibility is determined based on the date the individual commenced employment with the Board. Employees commencing employment after December 31, 1979 are not eligible for the retirement gratuity. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

The benefit costs expensed in these consolidated financial statements are $243 (2014 - $66). Based on the actuarial estimate, the liability for retirement gratuities of $2,203 (2014 - $2,681) and is included in Retirement and other employee future benefits in the consolidated statement of financial position.

ii) Retirement Life Insurance and Health Care Benefits

The Board continues to provide life insurance, dental and health care benefits to certain employee groups after retirement. The premiums are based on the Board experience and retirees' premiums are subsidized by the board. The benefit costs and liabilities related to the plan are provided through an unfunded defined benefit plan and are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

The coverage is provided for various terms up to a maximum age of 65. The benefit costs expensed in the consolidated financial statements are $89 (2014 - $29).

Based on the actuarial estimate, the total liability of all post-retirement benefits accrued to-date is $626 (2014 - $697) and is included in Retirement and other employee future benefits in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Other Employee Future Benefits

i) Long-term Disability Life Insurance and Health Care Benefits

The Board provides life insurance, dental and health care benefits to employees on long-term disability leave. The benefit costs expensed in the consolidated financial statements are $3,630 (2014 - $3,906).

Based on the actuarial estimate, the total liability of all health and dental benefits for long-term disability for disabled employees accrued to-date is $13,958 (2014 - $11,793) and is included in retirement and other employee future benefits in the consolidated statement of financial position.

10. Retirement and other employee future benefits (continued)

Other Employee Future Benefits (continued)

ii) Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Obligations ("WSIB")

The Board is a Schedule 2 employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act and, as such, assumes responsibility for the payment of all claims to its injured workers under the Act. The Board does not fund these obligations in advance of payments made under the Act. The liability for payments under WSIB are recognized at the time the event obligating the Board to pay occurs. The benefit costs and liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements. School boards are required to provide salary top-up to a maximum of 4 ½ years for employees receiving payments from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, where the collective agreement negotiated prior to 2012 included such a provision. At August 31, 2015 the Board has a liability of $3,554 (2014 - $10,047) in respect of WSIB obligations. The benefit costs recovered during the year in the consolidated financial statements are $5,347 (expensed in 2014 - $2,000).

As at August 31, 2015, the Board has a Workers' Safety Insurance Board reserve of $5,137 (2014 - $5,137).

iii) Sick Leave Top-Up Benefits

A maximum of 11 unused sick leave days from the current year may be carried forward into the following year only, to be used to top-up salary for illness paid through the short-term leave and disability plan in that year. The benefit costs expensed in the statement of operations are $499 (2014 - $258) and included as a liability in Retirement and other employee future benefits in the consolidated statement of financial position are $382 (2014 - $248).

The accrued benefit obligation for the sick leave top-up is based on an actuarial valuation for accounting purposes as of August 31, 2015. This actuarial valuation is based on assumptions about future events determined as at August 31, 2015 and is based on the average daily salary and banked sick days of employees as at August 31, 2015.

Additional Retirement Benefits

i) Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan

Teachers and related employee groups are eligible to be members of Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan. Employer contributions for these employees are provided directly by the Province of Ontario. The pension costs and obligations related to this plan are a direct responsibility of the Province. Accordingly, no costs or liabilities related to this plan are included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

ii) Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System

All non-teaching employees of the Board are eligible to be members of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), a multi-employer pension plan. The plan provides defined pension benefits to employees based on their length of service and rates of pay. The Board contributions equal the employee contributions to the plan. During the year ended August 31, 2015, the Board contributed $11,527 (2014 - $11,605) to the plan. As this is a multi-employer pension plan, these contributions are the Board's pension benefit expenses. No pension liability for this type of plan is included in the Board's consolidated financial statements.

(In thousands of dollars)

11. Expenses by object

The following is a summary of the expenses reported on the consolidated statement of financial operations by object:

		2015	2014
	Budget	Actual	Actual
	$	$	$
Operating expenses			
Salary and wages	660,131	660,615	648,622
Employee benefits	105,529	98,911	102,117
Staff development	2,697	1,721	1,747
Supplies and services	51,003	54,553	49,768
Interest charges on capital	27,651	27,261	28,301
Rental expenditures	4,750	2,631	1,669
Fees and contractual services	30,053	33,821	33,208
School generated funds	22,054	23,313	23,148
Other	3,822	4,920	7,395
Amortization of tangible capital assets	42,992	47,621	41,632
	950,682	955,367	937,607

12. Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)

The Board participates for its liability, property and automobile insurance in the Ontario School Board's Insurance Exchange (OSBIE), a reciprocal insurance company licensed under the Insurance Act, which is funded by the member boards across Ontario. Liability insurance is available to a maximum of $24,000 per occurrence.

The ultimate premiums over a five year period are based on both the reciprocals and the Board's actual claims experience. Periodically, the Board may receive a refund or be asked to pay an additional premium based on its pro rata share of claims experience. The current five year term expires in December 2016.

13. Commitments and contingent liabilities

a) The Board enters into contracts for the capital construction and renovation of various new and existing schools. The following summarizes the Board's commitment under these contracts as at August 31, 2015:

	Contract value	Expensed to date	Amount remaining
	$	$	$
Construction of schools	59,894	47,967	11,927

(In thousands of dollars)

13. Commitments and contingent liabilities (continued)

b) The Board is committed to various operating leases for premises and equipment expiring in fiscal 2019/2020. The aggregate minimum lease payments are as follows:

	Minimum lease payments
	$
2015/2016	2,142
2016/2017	1,997
2017/2018	1,963
2018/2019	1,409
2019/2020	1,137
Total	8,648

14. Repayment of "55 School Board Trust" funding

On June 1, 2003, the Board received $45,226 from the "55 School Board Trust" for its capital related debt eligible for provincial funding support pursuant to a 30-year agreement it entered into with the trust. The "55 School Board Trust" was created to refinance the outstanding not permanently financed (NPF) debt of participating boards who are beneficiaries of the trust. Under the terms to the agreement, the "55 School Board Trust" repaid the board's debt in consideration for the assignment by the board to the trust of future provincial grants payable to the Board in respect of the NPF debt.

The flow-through of $3,369 (2014 - $3,369) in grants in respect of the above agreement is recorded in these consolidated financial statements.

(In thousands of dollars)

15. Tangible capital assets

	Opening September 1, 2014	Tranfer/ Additions	Disposals/ Deemed Disposals	**Closing August 31, 2015**	Opening September 1, 2014	Amortization	Disposals/ Deemed Disposals	**Closing August 31, 2015**	**Net book value August 31, 2015**	Net book value August 31, 2014
	$	$	$	**$**	$	$	$	**$**	**$**	$
Land	240,544	12,777	27	**253,294**	-	-	-	**-**	**253,294**	240,544
Land improvements	14,138	3,090	-	**17,228**	5,651	1,694	-	**7,345**	**9,883**	8,487
Buildings 40 years	1,313,194	21,964	-	**1,335,158**	366,929	38,874	-	**405,803**	**929,355**	946,265
Portables	3,072	-	721	**2,351**	2,355	140	721	**1,774**	**577**	717
First time equipping	20,438	265	3,618	**17,085**	11,765	1,876	3,618	**10,023**	**7,062**	8,673
Furniture	422	75	70	**427**	215	42	70	**187**	**240**	207
Equipment 5 years	1,069	19	697	**391**	772	147	697	**222**	**169**	297
Equipment 10 years	2,551	143	742	**1,952**	1,697	225	742	**1,180**	**772**	854
Computer hardware	15,475	445	5,734	**10,186**	8,483	2,566	5,734	**5,315**	**4,871**	6,992
Computer software	1,459	33	499	**993**	890	245	499	**636**	**357**	569
Vehicles <10,000	517	62	402	**177**	387	69	402	**54**	**123**	130
Vehicles >10,000	-	62	-	**62**	-	3	-	**3**	**59**	-
Pre-acquisition cost - land	195	11	-	**206**	-	-	-	**-**	**206**	195
Pre-acquisition cost - Building	-	208	-	**208**	-	-	-	**-**	**208**	-
Leased tangible capital assets	9,719	297	3,794	**6,222**	6,729	1,740	3,794	**4,675**	**1,547**	2,990
Total	1,622,793	39,451	16,304	**1,645,940**	405,873	47,621	16,277	**437,217**	**1,208,723**	1,216,920

(In thousands of dollars)

16. Accumulated surplus

Accumulated surplus consists of the following:

	2015	2014
	$	$
Invested in non-depreciable tangible capital assets	**251,725**	239,674
School generated funds	**11,175**	11,431
Employee future benefits	**(18,279)**	(19,361)
Interest accrual	**(8,615)**	(8,898)
Accumulated surplus - unappropriated	**13,919**	41,787
Accumulated surplus - internally appropriated	**49,362**	17,567
Sinking fund interest	**8,678**	8,418
Accumulated surplus	**307,965**	290,618

17. Partnership in STOPR Transportation Consortium

On December 14, 2007, the Board entered into an agreement with the Peel District School Board in order to provide common administration of student transportation in the region. This agreement was executed in an effort to increase delivery, efficiency and cost effectiveness of student transportation for each of the Boards. Under the agreement, decisions related to the financial and operating activities of the STOPR Transportation Consortium are shared. Neither Board is in a position to exercise unilateral control.

The Board's consolidated financial statement reflects its share of the Ministry transportation grants and related expenses.

The following provides condensed financial information:

	2015		2014	
	Total	**Board portion**	Total	Board portion
	$	**$**	$	$
Revenue	**59,821**	**19,962**	61,007	20,444
Expenses	**58,630**	**17,943**	56,224	17,519
Annual surplus	**1,191**	**2,019**	4,783	2,925

The Board is also a member of Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Services Consortia. The Board is not actively involved in the management of this consortia. For the 2015 fiscal year, transportation costs of $1,516 (2014 - $1,631) have been expensed in the consolidated financial statements.

18. Subsequent events

Subsequent to August 31, 2015, the Ontario Teachers English Catholic Association (OECTA) ratified agreements at the central level which include a voluntary retirement gratuity early payout provision. This provision may have a future impact on the board's employee future benefit liability. There is no impact to the 2014-15 fiscal year. To be effective, the collective agreements must be ratified at both the central and local level. At the reporting date of these financial statements, local ratification has not occurred for OECTA.

18. Subsequent events (continued)

The voluntary retirement gratuity early payout provision provides OECTA members the option of receiving a discounted frozen retirement gratuity benefit payment on August 31, 2016. The voluntary retirement gratuity early payout provision may result in payouts occurring earlier than anticipated and generally at a discount to August 31, 2015 financial statement carrying values. As a result, the reduction in the liability for those members who take the voluntary retirement gratuity early payout option may be accompanied by actuarial gains or losses in the board's 2015-16 year financial statements. At this time, the change in the liability cannot be estimated since members of OECTA have until May 31, 2016 to declare their participation in the voluntary retirement gratuity early payout option.

19. Comparative figures

Certain 2014 figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.