

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
GITLAXT'AAMIKS, BC**

FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair	Laxgalts'ap Trustee
	Alvin Azak	Gitwinksihkw Trustee
	Sally Barton	Gingolx Trustee
	Norman Hayduk	Nass Camp Trustee
	Tabitha Munroe	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustees

Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes	Superintendent of Schools
	Carey Stewart	Assistant Superintendent
	Orest Wakaruk	Secretary Treasurer
	Kory Tanner	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2018

R02-1177

That the Board of Education approve the February 20, 2018 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Minutes of January 16, 2018

R02-1178

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 16, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

5. **SUMMARY OF IN-CAMERA MEETING OF THE BOARD**

5.1 Summary of In-Camera Meeting of the Board, January 16, 2018
No summary for January 16, 2018 In-Camera Minutes.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2018 MINUTES:**

No business arising from the January 16, 2018 minutes.

7. **BOARD REPORT:**

7.1 Emergency Closings

Trustee Davis commented on the last snowfall, there was lack of information from school to parents to bus drivers on the stoppage of bus runs. Policy needs to be reviewed.

Direction from the Chair for Superintendent Rhodes to look into the communication process.

7.2 Student Trustee

Board Chair steps down from the Chair position to present the Student Voice PowerPoint presentation.

The Student Trustee Role:

- Position is Voluntary
- Attend all public meetings of the Board
- Participate in meeting to represent the student voice
- Prepare reports for the board meeting

R02-1179

That the Board of Education approve the Student Trustee to sit on the Board of Education School District No. 92 (Nisga'a).

Trustee Davis/Trustee Azak

Carried

Trustee Davis resumes the Chair.

8. **BUSINESS:**

8.1 Secretary Treasurer Report at January 31, 2018

1. Secretary Treasurer presents the Annual Budget timelines-discuss the time frame for the District Student Learning Plan and add to the overall timeline. Staffing allocation formulas and education options and decisions are required.
For information only.

2. Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented on the 2017/2018 Budget – the revenue numbers effect the 2018/2019 budget by \$646,850. All local capital fund is used for 2017/2018. To balance the 2018/2019 the budget needs to be reduced by that amount.

For information only.

3. Budget 2017/2018 compare to 2018/2019 three programs – Special Needs, English language learning and Aboriginal Education. This requires a Board decision to limit the spending to the actual allocation for budget 2018/19.

For information only

4. New funding – School enhancement program received \$115,000 for the Culinary Arts program; Aboriginal Language and Culture Program received \$10,000. 2018 Skills Link Program \$34,000 needs to be spent by March 31, 2018. These do not have an effect on the Operating Budget.

For information only.

5. The 2017/18 Amended Annual Budget – Version 1685-6988-5005 requires Board approval and submission to the Ministry by February 28, 2018.

R02-1180

That the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$290,827 from the Local Capital account to the Operating Fund for the fiscal year 2017/2018.

Trustee Morven/Trustee Barton

Carried

R02-1181

That the Board of Education dispense with the first and second readings of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried Unanimously

8.2 Maintenance Report at January 31, 2018

Note the Maintenance Report at January 31, 2018 as received.
For information only.

8.3 Information Technology Report at January 31, 2018

No the Information Technology Report at January 31, 2018 as received.
For information only.

9. **EDUCATION:**

9.1 Vision Statement

Superintendent Rhodes presents the revised Vision Statement to be presented for confirmation.

R02-1182

That the Board of Education approve the revised Vision Statement as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton

Carried

9.2 District Student Learning Strategies

Superintendent Rhodes presented for public information the five District Student Learning Strategies:

- Literacy with a Focus on K to 3
- Attendance for All!
- Pathways to Graduation
- Revitalize Nisga'a Language Curriculum
- Create Authentic Parent and Student Voice

9.3 Draft 2018/2019 School Calendar

Superintendent Rhodes presented revised 2018/2019 School Calendar:

- Orientation Day
- Christmas Break dates changed
- 4 day school week
- Family Day changed to February 18th
- Option for students to attend on Fridays for teacher support

The calendar will be sent out to the public for feedback.

R02-1183

That the Board of Education approves the Superintendent to send out the 2018/2019 School Calendar to the Community for feedback with a decision to be made by the end of March 31, 2018.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

9.4 Right Sizing the District Resources

Superintendent Rhodes presents information for Board consideration, A Reconfigured District. Goal to improve attendance:

District Staff – Reduce by 1
Reduce by 2

It was moved by Trustee Azak, seconded by Trustee Munroe to reduce 2 positions

R02-1184

That the Board of Education approve to reduce district staff by two positions.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Munroe Carried

R02-1185

That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent to reduce teaching staff to a 15-1 ratio.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton Carried

Language and Culture

R02-1186

That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent to reduce the Language and Culture to budget generated by the 131 funding.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe Carried

Suggestion for Senior staff to keep searching for more revenue to adequately support the students in this area, there are some targeted dollars out there.

School Based

R02-1187

That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent to reduce staffing support to budget generated by designated students.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton Carried

R02-1188

That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent to add a teaching component equal to 1 FTE to Administrative assignments for the 3 schools, Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap and Gingolx.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton Carried

9.5 District Code of Conduct – Policy No. 911

The District Code of Conduct was adopted on January 16, 2018. The Vision Statement Policy No. 100 that is referenced in the policy needs to be replaced with the one that was adopted at today's meeting.

The Policy No. 911 – Nisga'a Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures

The Ministry of education sent out a mandate that all Public School Districts develop a District Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures.

Assistant Superintendent Stewart presented the draft Nisga'a Code of Conduct – Administrative Procedures.

R02-1189

That the Board of Education to send out the Draft Administrative Procedures to each community, Nisga'a Teachers Union, CUPE Local 2298 and the District Lead for SOGI for feedback.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

9.6 AGM Student Performance Update

Assistant Superintendent Stewart updated on the student performance at the BCSTA AGM:

- Everything is on track
- Practices are ongoing
- 20 students, 5 chaperones going
- Education opportunity still in progress – may attend Science World
- Budget portion – parents are responsible for student's flight costs
- Dancers are performing at Hoobiyee

9.7 Strong Start Program

Assistant Superintendent Stewart provided an update on the Strong Start Program.

Registration for 2018/2019 will start early June.

For information only.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None

12. **TRUSTEE REPORTS (verbal)**

12.1 BCSTA Provincial Council Report – Trustee Hayduk

Trustee Hayduk presented on his attendance at the BCSTA Provincial Council in Vancouver on February 15-17, 2018.

- Need to make sure a rep attending this meeting in Halifax.

12.2 BCSTA Aboriginal Education Meeting – Trustee Azak

Trustee Azak presented on his attendance at the BCSTA Aboriginal Education meeting in Vancouver on February 14-16, 2018. Trustee Azak also presented on Hoobiye at the meeting.

We need to decide to grant their request to be here Aug. 23, 24.
Consensus: Trustees Azak, Davis, and Munroe

12.3 BCPSEA AGM – Trustee Munroe

Trustee Munroe presented on her attendance at the BC School Employers Association Annual General Meeting in Vancouver on January 25 and 26, 2018.

13. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Nisga'a Lisims Government – Bev Azak and Sheila Azak presented on a Strategic Planning Committee that will be working to revitalize the language and culture. Nisga'a Lisims Government will be forwarding an invitation to the Board for a Trustee to sit on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Nisga'a Teachers Union Report – February 2018

Rich Hotson presents his Nisga'a Teachers Report for February 2018.

- Learning Support Teachers
- District budget
- Assessment

14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

C.Peal

Concerned the high school does not offer English first peoples course and hopes that it would be considered.

Grade 8 was optional – 3 schools opted to keep their students

A consideration for the small school – administrator, there is not a full time administrator.

Reducing language staff, yet adding aboriginal support....

Bev Azak commented towards: the

- Emergency Closings
- Secretary Treasurer Report – January 31-2018.
- Updates, supported by data to the executive
- Inquired on psychoeducation
- Concern with student designations
- Mentoring skill development fund grant
- NEST is good to partner with, contact Gary Patsey
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Rich Hotson commented towards the Secretary Treasurer's Report on Amended Annual Budget.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 pm.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Munroe

Carried



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Orest Wakaruk,
Secretary Treasurer