

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

FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – 5:30 PM

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair Sally Barton Tabitha Munroe Norman Hayduk Alvin Azak	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gingolx Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Nass Camp Trustee Gitwinksihkw Trustee
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Also in attendance:	Nancy Wells Orest Wakaruk Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW TRUSTEE

2.1 Oath of Office

Swearing in of Laxgalts'ap Trustee

Trustee Elsie Davis is Sworn into Office

2.2 Nomination and Elections

2.2.1 Chair

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Trustee Hayduk nominated Trustee Azak.

Trustee Azak declined the nomination.

Trustee Azak nominated Trustee Davis.

Trustee Davis accepted the nomination.

No other nominations.

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk declares Trustee Davis Board Chair.

2.2.2 Vice-Chair

Board Chair, Elsie Davis called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair

Trustee Hayduk nominated Trustee Barton
Trustee Barton accepted the nomination

Trustee Azak nominated Trustee Munroe
Trustee Munroe declined the nomination.

No other nominations.

Board Chair Elsie Davis declared Trustee Barton Vice-Chair.

2.2.3 BCSTA Provincial Councillor

It was decided that Trustee Hayduk would remain as Representative for Provincial Council. Alternate Trustee Davis.

2.2.4 BCPSEA Delegate

It was decided that Trustee Munroe remain as Representative for BCPSEA. Alternate Trustee Barton

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair declared a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2017

R02-1055

THAT The Board of Education approve the February 21, 2017 agenda as presented.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton Carried

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

5.1 Regular minutes of December 13, 2016

R02-1056

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2016 be approved.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton Carried

6. **RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING**

None

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No Business arising from the December 13, 2016 minutes.

8. **EDUCATION REPORT:**

8.1 Superintendent of Schools:

8.1.1 2017-2018 School Calendar Submission

In accordance with the School Act and regulations, boards must make their proposed calendars public by February 28, 2017, and submit their calendars to the Ministry by March 31, 2017.

Staff have consulted with neighbouring districts to match Spring Break and Non Instructional Days where possible/advisable and present the attached 2017/2018 proposed School Calendar for the consideration of the Board of Education.

R02-1057

THAT the Board of Education adopt the attached proposed 2017/2018 School Calendar.

Following adoption and according to Section 87.01 (7) of the School Act:

“A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. For the 2017-18 calendar submission cycle, proposed calendars must be made public on or before February 28, 2017. During the consultation period, a board must provide parents and board employees the opportunity to comment on the proposed calendar.”

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

8.1.2 Revised Organizational Chart

With the Implementation of a Dual Governance Model and the addition of a new full time Secretary Treasurer it became necessary to adjust our Organizational Chart to reflect these changes.

R02-1058

THAT the Board of Education approve the revised Organizational Chart.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Azak

Carried

8.1.3 Rural Education Review

“In the summer of 2016 Premier Christy Clark tasked Parliamentary Secretary Linda Larson to work with the education sector, the public and community stakeholder groups, as well as Donna Barnett, the Minister of State for Rural Economic Development, to create a Rural Education Strategy by the summer of 2017. The purpose of this engagement is to explore rural school funding and educational practices, as well as the role educational programs and schools play in rural communities across the province.”

Ministry website – A Conversation about Rural Education

That the Nisga’a School District Board of Education issue a statement to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the young people in our school district that as additional financial or program support is allocated to BC School Districts as a result of the Rural Education Strategy initiative, the Nisga’a School District be considered for assistance.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Munroe

Carried

8.2 Assistant Superintendent of Schools Report

8.2.1 Nisga’a Language & Culture Report & Presentation

Coordinator of Nisga’a Language and Culture, Charity Peal presented on the Nisga’a K – 12 Assessments.

8.2.2 District Assessment – Update

Assistant Superintendent Stewart provided information on the new Reading - Benchmarks from Grades Kindergarten to Grade 8 and the Writing - District Wide Write.

Information was also shared on the Foundation Skills Assessments and marking and EDI – the Early Development Instrument.

Information only

8.2.3 Trades – Update

Assistant Superintendent Stewart shared Trades Training information including the Shoulder Tapper Report and the partnership with NESS (Nisga’a Employment Skills Training)

8.2.4 NESS School Report

Nisga’a Elementary Secondary School report for December 2016, January 2017.

Information only

8.2.5 AAMES School Report

Alvin A. McKay School report for December 2016, January 2017.

Information only

8.2.6 NBES School Report

Nathan Barton Elementary School report for February 2017.

Information only

8.2.7 GES School Report

Gitwinksihlkw Elementary School report for February 1, 2017.

Information only.

9. **BUSINESS REPORT:**

9.1 Finance:

9.1.1 Financial Statements – December 31, 2016

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented the Interim Financial Statements for December 31, 2016.

R02-1059

THAT the Board of Education approved the Interim Financial Statements ending December 31, 2016.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton Carried

Trustee Azak commented on the Financial Statements, that it would be a good idea as suggested by Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk to review the type of reports for improvement and provide an orientation to the Trustees.

Trustee Hayduk suggested to highlight information that needs to be drawn to Trustees attention.

9.1.2 Financial Statements – January 31, 2017

R02-1060

THAT the Board of Education approved the Interim Financial Statements ending January 31, 2017.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton Carried

9.1.3 2016/2017 Amended Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented the 2016/2017 Amended Annual budget.

That the Board of Education approve the Amended Annual Budget dated June 30, 2017, Version 8695-7949-5967.

A Bylaw of the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) to adopt the Amended Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2016/2017 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act.

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2016/2017.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expenses for the 2016/2017 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$9,592,432 for the fiscal year 2016/2017 fiscal year was prepared in accordance to the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the board for the fiscal year 2016/2017.

R02-1061

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 21st Day of February 21, 2017.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Azak

Carried

9.1.4 SD 92 Board Policies – Trustee Honorarium & Expense Allowance

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented Regulation: Trustee Honorarium and Expense Allowance No. 200-R for amendment with a new addition No. 1.2.5.

R02-1062

THAT the Board approve an addition to Regulation No. 200-R. "Trustee Honorarium and Expense Allowance". The New addition is No.1.2.5 and reads "A newly elected Trustee will be remunerated effective the day the election is declared official"

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton

Carried

9.1.5 Banking Signing Authorities

We have changes to the composition of the Trustees due to a resignation and a newly elected Trustee. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be changing. Discussion is required if we need all the Board Trustees to be able to sign or limit the number to a few.

Update the individual school bank accounts signing authorities.

Banking Signing Authorities updated.

Other:

Discussion on Housing

Trustee Hayduk commented that District teacherages are getting older and need to get an idea of what the future is to look like, preparation is needed.

Board Chair suggested to write a letter to all Village Governments to see what kind of support the district can get.

Trustee Azak is in agreement on writing letters to Village Governments to advise them of what our district is going through and whether or not they can support the district.

R02-1063

THAT the Board of Education approves in writing letters to all Village Governments to state position, and not enough housing and request if they have any lots to build on.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

- 9.2 Maintenance – no report
- 9.3 Information Technology – no report
- 9.4 Human Resources – no report

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
No correspondence.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS (verbal)
11.1 BCPSEA

Trustee Munroe reported on her attendance at the January 27, 2017 AGM.

11.2 BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Hayduk presented on his attendance at the February 17-18, 2017 Provincial Council meetings.

Provincial Council had six presentations. The one from CMO Coastal Health stressed that close connection of school districts with health clinics was very important for student wellbeing.

BCSTA is preparing its next budget for the AGM. Finance committee outlined the need (recommendation) to increase member fees annually by the average of the last five years of Vancouver's CPI. Other cost cuttings have been done and BCSTA sees this as the best course of action. This is very contentious and will receive further debate at AGM before the vote to accept or reject it.

Any unexpected profits from things like the Whistler event will be taken into account before this increase is included.

On recruitment and retention of teachers lots of districts (large and small) reported difficulties. PC to request Ministry to find a way to address this. The driver of course was the Supreme Court decision re. the contract dispute.

12. PRESENTATIONS:

11.1 No presentations.

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No questions.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Orest Wakaruk
Secretary Treasurer