

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

JANUARY 15, 2019 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Elsie Davis	Laxgalts'ap Trustee
	Norman Hayduk	Nass Camp Trustee
	Floyde Stevens	Gingolx Trustee
	Charlene Ousey	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee
	Alvin Azak	Gitwinksihkw Trustee

Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes	Superintendent of Schools
	Carey Stewart	Assistant Superintendent
	Kory Tanner	Assistant Secretary Treasurer
	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary
	Kaitlyn Nyce	Student Trustee

Absent:	Orest Wakaruk	Secretary Treasurer
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 15, 2019

R02-1246

That the Board of Education approve January 15, 2019 with the following additions:

7.3 Language and Culture

8.5 Capital Bylaw

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

4.1 Regular Board Meeting – November 20, 2018

R02-1247

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on November 20, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

4.2 Special Meeting – November 29, 2018

R02-1248

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on November 29, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2018 MINUTES:**

Superintendent Rhodes updated that the Breakfast budget at NESS has enough funds to help with lunch, to provide snacks, hopefully the culinary department can set up for lunch in the future.

6. **PRESENTATION:**

6.1 Leslie Robinson – Youth Engagement Coordinator, NLG

A presentation by Leslie Robinson on the Strengthening Youth Engagement meeting – August 1, 2018 at the NLG Chambers, ideas that came out of that meeting by the youth:

- Language & Culture
- Nisga'a Government
- Education
- Leadership
- Life Skills Workshops
- Employment
- Health & Wellness
- Mentorship

7. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent of Schools – Joe Rhodes:

7.1 Six-Year Completion & Grade 12 Graduation Rates – 2017/2018

- Moved up to 40% (average is 65%)

- It continues to move forward
- The Grad rate is based on the proportion of students who graduate, with a BC Certification or BC Adult Graduation Diploma, within 6 years from the first time they enrol in Grade 8.
- Number of students enter grade 12 for the first time in September who then graduate in that same year.
- Encouraging to see it move in the right direction.

7.2 Attendance:

- The attendance table presented in the meeting projects 90% plus attendant summary for September to January of 2017 and 2018 2019.
- The findings of 90% or better regarding student population.
- Attendance – encouraging to see the first three months
- Slightly improved rate in attendance
- What has changed:
The district has been networking with Community Education Manager, Lisims Programs and Services, Lisims Government Executive.

7.3 School Calendar – 2019/2020

The draft 2019/2020 School Calendar is a roll-over from last year's. The Ministry of Education has removed one curriculum Implementation day and add 5 hours on instruction. Place markers are similar days as this years.

The calendar now needs to be put out to the public for review and feedback.

R02-1249

That the Board of Education approve Administration to send the draft 2019/2020 School Calendar out to the public for review and feedback.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

8. **BUSINESS:**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Kory Tanner

8.1 Interim Financials at November 30, 2018

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Kory Tanner presented the Interim Financials at November 30, 2018.

R02-1250

That the Board of Education for School District No 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Interim Financials at November 30, 2018.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Azak

Carried

8.2 Information Technology Report for November 30, 2018

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Kory Tanner presented the Information Technology Report for November 30, 2018.

For information only.

8.3 Maintenance Report

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Kory Tanner presented the Maintenance Report for December 2018.

QUESTION:

Trustee Ousey – are the kids back in AAMES?

K. Tanner – they were in the school on January 8th, but the heat controls are still being fine tuned.

For information only.

Called back to order at 8:05 pm

8.4 Housing at Eagle House – 2018/2019 School Year

This is an ongoing contract with Gingolx Village Government (GVG) for many years now. GVG has not once paid the full cost of operating Eagle House. The contract has not been signed this year by GVG; the amount should have increased but the district chose to leave it the same for the 18/19 school year. There have been no payments made since September 2018.

There is a meeting scheduled with Gingolx Village Government on January 18, 2019.

*This item will be moved to the next board meeting.

8.5 Capital Bylaw No. 2019-01

The Ministry has approved the School District in the borrowing of funds from TD Canada Trust in the amount of \$700,000 for the purpose of renovations of teacher accommodations in the Nisga'a School District. Term

Bylaw No. 2019-01 attached for approval.

*This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

9.1 Policy No. 502-P – Capital Planning

The District Strategic Plan requires policy to be written for key management areas. This is a new policy that organizes, explains and approvals for Capital Planning projects on an annual basis. The Policy was sent out to all community agencies for feedback, and none were received. Recommending Board approval.

R02-1251

That the Board of Education approve Policy No. 502-P – Capital Planning as presented.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

10. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

No Trustee reports.

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Peter Leeson:

- Open Session – delayed. In the past we used to shut down the closed session, the public makes time to attend.
- Why was there no Board Meeting in December?
- Did not hear why the Secretary Treasurer was not here.
- District Improvement Plan/Communications Audit – are these still being followed?
- Why was the Payroll moved to Terrace? When we have people here.
- Policies – don't know why these policies are not sent to our office for discussion.

- The Language and Culture Funds from FNEESC – how is this being expended? Who is expending it? Who is in charge?
- School Calendar – I see the Calendar is for our input. They are sent home with the kids, a lot of kids lose their, or it gets thrown in the garbage.
- Will ask CEO why we don't see information in our office from school district 92.
- See the Maintenance person is not in here again.
- It's always concerning to hear clawbacks when there are Assistants to Administration.
- Find jobs that will keep our people here (economic development)

Brian Tait:

- Congratulates new Board and returning Trustees
- Get clarity on the funds that are being clawed back
- Write a letter to try and get funds back
- FNEESC funds – this government is different today, be aggressive with the moves you set.
- Struggling with Nisga'a language and culture – we learned from english books. The first treaty – we built a smoke house, a teaching tool – hunting is a teaching tool
- Encourages to bring in state of the art trades (engineers, drafts people)
- Met with J. Gordon – assessments
- Truth & Reconciliation
- Attend meetings as Peter mentioned.
- With regards to partnership with the Union, will back with Gordon, then will get back to Board Chair.

Charity Peal:

The \$54,000 from NGL, how much was spent?

Communication – the secretary at NESS announced the changes of administration, but did not hear from Board Office Administration.

Six-Year Grad Rate –

In regard to the six-year graduation rates - with concern for the grade 9 & 10's and adding academic support blocks rather than course credits - will they fulfill their graduation requirements on time?

Happy to hear about the attendance and the breakfast program.

Derek Azak:

- The grant from FNEESC – need Nisga'a Rep(s), get representation will have more voice, will serve our children better.

Rich Hotson:


- Leslie Robinson presentation – would be interesting to cross reference (this with what's already happening at the school.)
- What is the estimated Year End deficit at this point? K.Tanner – we have not gotten that far yet.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

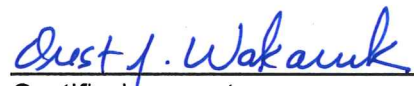
The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Ousey

Carried



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Orest Wakaruk,
Secretary Treasurer