

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

APRIL 7, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Trustees:	Winnie Morven-Hansen, Chair Carl Azak Danica Moore Gary Cox George Nelson	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Nass Camp & Surrounding Areas Trustee Gingolx Trustee
District:	Robert Clifton Ernie Gran Bryce Recsky Tanya Azak Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary-Treasurer Director of Instruction Director of Instruction Executive Assistant - Recorder

Regrets:

1. **PROTOCOL**
Chair acknowledged condolences for recent community member loss and offered prayers for Wilps Duuk.
2. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.
3. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**
Board Chair declared a quorum.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
R02-0401
That the Board of Education approved the April 7, 2026 Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson
Seconded by: Trustee Azak
Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

5.1 Regular Meeting – February 3, 2026

R02-0402

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District adopt the Minutes of the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting as circulated.

AND THAT any corrections or amendments noted be incorporated into the office record.

Moved by: Trustee Cox

Seconded by: Trustee Azak

Carried

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

No business arising from the minutes.

7. **PRESENTATION:**

7.1 Gitwinksihlkw Elementary School Presentation – N. Seah

Gitwinksihlkw Elementary School staff presented a progress report on the Student Learning Improvement Plan, highlighting language and culture integration, land-based learning, community and family engagement, student attendance, and improvements in early literacy outcomes.

Board members expressed appreciation for the presentation and acknowledged the positive impact on student engagement, cultural identity, and school-community connections.

7.2 Nisga'a Secondary School Presentation – C. Peal
English First Peoples 12 Class

A presentation was delivered by the English First Peoples 12 teacher and student, showcasing student learning through an Elder interview project. The presentation highlighted the use of digital platforms, cultural storytelling, intergenerational knowledge, and student voice.

Board members thanked the presenters and commended the student for courage, adaptability, and excellence in learning.

8. **EDUCATION:**

8.1 Superintendent Update

Strategic Plan & Public Report:

The Superintendent presented the April 2026 Monthly Report, outlining progress on the Strategic Plan, alignment with the 2019 NLG District Review, system stabilization efforts, student learning outcomes, attendance challenges, and strengthened partnerships.

R02-0403

THAT the Board of Education receive and file the Superintendent's April 2026 Monthly Update.

Moved by: Trustee Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

8.2 New OP 111 – Learning Resources Challenge

The Superintendent presented a newly developed procedure outlining:

The Superintendent presented Operational Procedure 111 – Challenge of Learning Resources, advising the Board that the district did not previously have a procedure aligned with Ministry requirements.

The presentation outlined:

- The purpose of OP 111 in providing a clear, respectful, and transparent process for concerns regarding learning resources;
- The balance between community voice, educational integrity, and student access to learning;
- The informal and formal challenge processes, including committee composition;
- Assurance that learning resources remain available to students during review;
- Alignment with Ministry of Education and Child Care guidelines and Nisga'a cultural perspectives;
- The appeal process to the Board, where applicable.

The Superintendent responded to trustee questions regarding trustee participation on reconsideration committees.

8.3 Director of Instruction Report – Tanya Azak

- Parent literacy and numeracy engagement initiatives
- Professional development on anti-racism and inclusion
- Mental Health in Schools Grant utilization

- Inclusive Education audit preparation and designation corrections
- Enhanced collaboration with health and outreach agencies

R02-0404

That the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 received and file the Director of Instruction, Learning and Innovation Report for April 2026.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Azak

Carried

9. BUSINESS:

9.1 2026 – 2027 School Calendar

The Superintendent presented the proposed 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 School District Calendars, including a summary of public consultation results conducted in accordance with Ministry of Education and Child Care requirements.

The presentation outlined:

- Feedback received from staff, parents, caregivers, community members, and local governments across all school communities;
- Levels of satisfaction, dissatisfaction, and neutral responses to the proposed calendars;
- Key themes identified through consultation, including recognition of Nisga'a Hoobiye, family schedules, staff well-being, and balance of instructional time;
- Community concerns regarding spring break alignment with the Junior All-Native Tournament and Easter;
- Adjustments made to the calendars to address feedback, while maintaining compliance with Ministry-mandated instructional hours;
 - Confirmation that the final calendars meet Ministry requirements and reflect Nisga'a cultural priorities.

Trustees asked questions and received clarification regarding alignment with neighbouring school districts, instructional days, and Ministry compliance.

R02-0405

THAT The Board of Education for the Nisga'a School District 92 approve the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 school Calendars as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Cox
Seconded by: Trustee Nelson

Carried

9.2 Monthly Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer presented the February 2026 Monthly Financial Statements, providing an update on the District's financial position for the period ending February 28, 2026.

- An overview of year-to-date revenues and expenditures compared to the approved annual budget;
- Confirmation that the District remains in a stable and healthy financial position;
- Reporting on salary and benefits as the largest expenditure category;
- Identification of key financial pressures, including fuel and inflation-related cost increases;
- A projected year-end position indicating a modest operating surplus;
- Assurance that no significant financial risks had been identified at this time and that expenditures continue to be closely monitored.

Trustees were invited to ask questions and expressed appreciation for the clarity of the report and the District's financial stewardship

9.3 Budget 2026/2027

The Secretary Treasurer provided a verbal update on the development of the 2026–2027 Operating Budget, advising the Board that budget preparation is currently underway.

- Receipt of preliminary funding estimates from the Ministry of Education and Child Care based on projected enrolment and updated funding formulas;
- Review of preliminary estimates as a starting point for budget development for the 2026–2027 fiscal year;
- Consideration of current-year expenditures, staffing requirements, and known cost pressures, including inflation and rising operational costs;
- Ongoing communication from the Ministry regarding cost increases and fiscal pressures affecting school districts;
- Confirmation that administration will continue to analyze funding impacts, monitor expenditures, and engage in careful planning to ensure fiscal responsibility.

The Board was advised that further budget information and recommendations will be brought forward as the budget development process continues.

9.4 Approval of 2026/2027 Capital Plan Submission

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2026–2027 Capital Plan Submission for School District No. 92 (Nisga'a), advising the Board that the Ministry of Education and Child Care had released the capital funding decisions for the upcoming year.

- An overview of the capital projects approved or conditionally approved by the Ministry, including facility renewal and infrastructure upgrades;
- Confirmation that the proposed projects align with district priorities for safety, maintenance, and operational sustainability;
- Explanation of the requirement under the *School Act* for the Board to adopt a Capital Plan Bylaw in order to proceed with the approved projects;
- Authorization sought for the Secretary Treasurer to submit the signed Capital Plan Bylaw and Annual Programs Funding Agreement through the Ministry's capital reporting system;
- Clarification that adoption of the Capital Plan enables the District to access capital funding and proceed with project implementation in accordance with Ministry conditions and timelines.

The Board was advised that administration will proceed with the projects upon Ministerial authorization and continue to ensure compliance with all regulatory, financial, and reporting requirements.

R02-0406

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) adopt the 2026–2027 Capital Plan Bylaw as presented, and authorize the Secretary Treasurer to submit the signed Capital Plan Bylaw and the required Annual Programs Funding Agreement to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Azak

Carried

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

10.1 Policy Framework Update

The Secretary Treasurer provided a Policy Framework Update, advising the Board that there were no new or revised Board policies requiring approval at this time.

- An update from the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) regarding its review of Gold Standard Policies;

- Information that BCSTA is assessing key governance policy areas and will be providing recommendations to Boards on policy prioritization;
- Notification that exemplary policy examples and implementation guidance are expected to be shared once the review is complete;
- Confirmation that administration will monitor BCSTA communications and bring forward policy updates or recommendations to the Board as appropriate.

The Board was advised that further updates will be provided when BCSTA releases additional guidance.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

11.1 BCPSEA Report

Update provided on recent BCPSEA meetings and labour relations developments.

- Information on meetings held to review and consider the provincial tentative agreement;
- Confirmation that the ratification process had taken place following BCPSEA meetings held earlier in March;
- Notification that the agreement has since been ratified at the provincial level;
- An update advising that School District No. 92 has already implemented the newly negotiated salary grids and processed retroactive salary payments, in advance of the target implementation date recommended by BCPSEA.

The Board acknowledged the update and noted the timely implementation of the agreement as positive for staff and district operations.

11.2 Chair Update

The Board Chair provided a Chair's Update, offering highlights from recent Board and association activities.

- An update on participation in BCSTA committees, including continued involvement on the Rural and Remote Schools Committee, with confirmation that the committee will remain active;
- Information regarding recent disciplinary and personnel (in-camera) meetings, noting that outcomes have been communicated to Board members and senior staff in accordance with confidentiality requirements;

- Notification of ongoing engagement with Indigenous and provincial association committees;
- Advance planning for participation in upcoming BCSTA-related meetings and conventions, including support for district involvement in future provincial events.

The Chair thanked trustees and district leadership for their continued commitment to governance, collaboration, and district representation at the provincial level.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

No public questions.

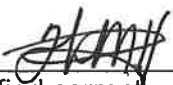
14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Moved by: Trustee Cox

Seconded by: Trustee Nelson

Carried


 Certified correct,
 Winnie Morven-Hansen,
 Board Chair


 Certified correct,
 Ernie Gran,
 Secretary Treasurer