

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Elsie Davis Floyde Stevens Norman Hayduk	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gingolx Trustee Nass Camp Trustee
Also in attendance:	Jill Jensen Kory Tanner Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary
Absent:	Charlene Ousey Alvin Azak	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gitwinksihkw Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order 6:31 pm

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary-Treasurer declared a quorum.

Trustee Elections:

Call for Board Chair nominations

First call for nominations for Board Chair

Trustee Azak nominated Elsie Davis

Elsie, do you let your name stand? Yes

Second call for Board Chair nominations - none

Third and final call for Board Chair nominations - none

Elsie Davis is proclaimed School District 92 Board Chair.

Call for Vice-Chair nominations

First call for nominations for Vice-Chair

Trustee Davis nominates Floyde Stevens

Floyde to you let your name stand? Yes

Second call for Vice-Chair – none
Third and final call for Vice-Chair nominations – none

Trustee Stevens is proclaimed School District 92 Vice-Chair

Secretary-Treasurer hands the Chair back to Board Chair Davis.

BCPSEA and BCSTA Provincial Councillor Representatives:

Trustee Stevens appointed as BCPSEA Representative.
Trustee Hayduk appointed as BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

R02-1368

That the Board of Education approve the November 16, 2021 Agenda with the addition of 10.1 Provincial Council Report.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Azak Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

R02-1369

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on October 19, 2021 be approved as presented.

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Hayduk Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

No business arising from the minutes.

6. PRESENTATION:

6.1 Trades Sampler Presentation – Jackie Borosa

NESS is in partnership with Post-Secondary Institutions – (Trades Sampler Programs) with Coast Mountain College, UAPIC, ITA and NESS in which a series of courses are delivered by college instructors who offer students an opportunity to explore trades and experiences. The hope is to excite students to attend post-secondary learning and bridge the transition from secondary school to post-secondary school with positive experiences.

- Piping, plumbing
- Engine mechanics
- Carpentry, electricity
- Cement framing, pouring
- Drywall
- Brick work, masonry
- On campus for a week

7. **EDUCATION:**
Superintendent

7.1 Superintendent's October 2021 Report

Superintendent Jensen presented her Report to the Board:

- Place-Based Learning
- Nisga'a Language and Culture
- Growing Leaders
- Improving Literacy
- Aligning school and district planning
- Assessment
- Recruitment

7.2 Language and Culture Report

Half lessons with Board Office staff every Monday morning.

- Classrooms are underway with the lunar calendar initiative. In our visit to the schools, there is evidence of a Sim'algax focus beginning to happen. Our dream with the calendar initiative is to step fully into the cultural seasonal cycle with classrooms. Our dilemma is covering the tedious process of liability. One day, the land and the sea will be our classroom.
- It is recognized that to some degree, the continuation of certain initiatives from the previous year tend to halt; there is a mindset of starting over each year. Upon recognizing this, and to ensure continuity of practice, we are picking up what has worked and carrying on.
- Several Impromptu visits to the high school to interview students in Sim'algax was conducted to gather information and to determine the ability of learners to converse. It showed us where we could possibly improve at the elementary level learning and where we need to go concerning high school student learning.
- It is realized that relying upon programs such as A.S.K.M.E. to teach Sim'algax cannot be a stand-alone process. The daily infusion of Sim'algax at all classroom levels throughout the schools is the positive method to go, however, we also realize that many adults in our learning institute are in learning mode too.
- In the vault of creations concerning the teaching of language, we have encountered many useful tools that can assist adults and children as they learn to access the intricacies of Sim'algax. The task of learning is a big one and requires the nation to uphold it. S.D. 92 has been enhancing Sim'algax learning for the past 44 years. We have inspired many to turn towards a cultural focused approach to living.

Our inquisitive questions to those who look to the school district regarding language teaching are,

- How do we move forward from 44 years of Sim'algax inspiration?
- What community and nation support initiatives are present to assist S.D. 92 in their endeavors to uphold and teach Sim'algax?

For information only.

8. **BUSINESS:**
Secretary-Treasurer

8.1 Major Capital Plan 2022/2023

The 2022/2023 Major Capital Plan as outlined by the Ministry of Education's Resource Management Division addresses funding requests for capital projects which involves new space, replacements, renovations, site acquisitions, seismic mitigation projects and bus purchases. Boards of Education are expected to have a School District Facilities Plan in place that supports projects being submitted to the Ministry for capital investment considerations. For the 2022/2023 school year, there was no request made for Major Capital Plans.

R02-1370

That the Board of Education approve the 2022/2023 Major Capital Plan with zero submission as presented.

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

8.2 Minor Capital Plan 2022/2023

The 2022/2023 Minor Capital Plan as outlined by the Ministry of Education's Resource Management Division addresses funding requests for capital projects which involves new space, replacements, renovations, site acquisitions, seismic mitigation projects and bus purchases. Boards of Education are expected to have a School District Facilities Plan in place that supports projects being submitted to the Ministry for capital investment considerations.

R02-1371

That the Board of Education approve the 2022/2023 Minor Capital Plan as presented.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Stevens

Carried

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**
No policy development.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

10.1 Provincial Council Report – Trustee Norman Hayduk

Trustee Hayduk attended the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on October 23, 2021 via Zoom:

Trustee Hayduk wanted to present an item that was in note form, but did not have notes on hand, will report in the future.

Met for three hours over Zoom, not an awful lot of relevant information came by, except one thing, regarding a communication that went to Board Chairs and BC

Rep. it's a month old at this date, so its probably old news. There was no discussion on it during Provincial Council Meeting, so I have no clue as to what it is about.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence.

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:** 7:25 pm

Taron Scott

In regard to the Capital Projects, what happened to the new school proposed to replace NESS – by the former Director of Instruction – same time as the GES gym?

Secretary-Treasurer Tanner:

As far as we know, the Ministry is not funding new schools that are not dire need. The public knows that we have received funding to go ahead with the small gym attached to Gitwinksihlkw Elementary School, and the proposal to have NESS replaced is still with the Ministry.

Taron Scott

T'oo'yaksiy' nisim' for including all staff to participate in the language learning and teaching opportunities, when adults are encouraged, the students are encouraged. I am wondering if there are opportunities for the students to have virtual language homework, thinking outside the xbiis.

Peter McKay

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Derek Azak

1. Nisga'a Language and Culture

I'd like to show my support for a district-wide Nisga'a Language mandate for all employees to participate in annually.

Superintendent Jensen:

Thank you for the suggestion.

2. When will board meetings go back to in-person or asking questions using microphone, verbal option on Teams?

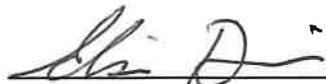
Being able to publicize the Board Meetings on Teams, is not possible right now, this is our best option. We are also looking forward to getting back to in-person and having community members attend in person. However due to COVID, this is not a possibility at this time. We can't answer you based on COVID regulation, the EPC guidelines, Nisga'a Valley Health guidelines when we will be getting back to in-person. Right now, this vehicle to be able to have our board meetings witnessed in public and to have the live Q and A via the typing in, is the best option for us right now.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

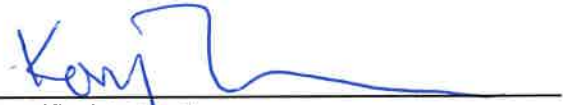
The meeting adjourned at 7:41

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Hayduk

Carried



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Kory Tanner,
Secretary Treasurer