

**NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
MAY 6, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.
LOCATION: HYBRID (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)**

In attendance:	George Nelson, Chair Winnie Morven-Hansen Danica Moore Carl Azak	Gingolx Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee
Also in attendance:	Robert Clifton Paul Mercer Bryce Recsky Tanya Azak Sharlene Grandison Recorder	Superintendent of Schools Secretary-Treasurer Director of Instruction Director of Instruction Executive Assistant –
Absent: Areas	Gary Cox	Nass Camp & Surrounding (Medical)

1. **PROTOCOL:**

2. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Chair George Nelson.

2.1 Announcements

- Vice-Chair Winnie Morven-Hansen congratulated Chair George Nelson on his successful election to the BCSTA Board.
- Trustees Azak and Nelson reflected on the significance of increased northern and Indigenous representation at the provincial level.

3. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair Nelson declared quorum.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

R02-1635

That the Board of Education approve the May 6, 2025, Agenda as presented.

Moved: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded: Trustee Azak

Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

5.1 Regular Meeting of April 1, 2025

R02-1636

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board held on April 1, 2025, be approved.

Moved: Trustee Azak

Seconded: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

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

No business arising from the April 1, 2025, minutes.

7. **PRESENTATIONS:**

7.1 Alvin A. McKay Elementary School Update – Principal Laura Ganyo

- Principal Ganyo reported on:
 - Community engagement, cultural celebrations, and strong partnerships with elders.
 - An increase in student attendance.
 - Strengthening of culturally responsive practices and academic expectations.
 - Upcoming events: Learning Fest (May 21), Science Fest (May 28), and Grade 7 Graduation (June 25).
 - Trustees praised the presentation and noted positive community impact.

8. **EDUCATION:**

8.1 Superintendent's May Update

- Focused on three pillars: Relationships; Strategic Planning, Operational Excellence. Provided an overview on:
 - Strengthening leadership and capacity building.
 - Data-driven decision-making and improved FSA participation.
 - Strategic alignment of plans and systems.

R02-1637

That the Board of Education receive and file the Superintendent's May 2025 report.

Moved: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded: Trustee Azak

Carried

8.2 Indigenous Education – Director of Instruction Tanya Azak

- Compassionate Systems Foundations 2 scheduled for May 28–30.
- Nisga’a Author Series continued, promoting literacy and cultural pride.
- Successful cultural sharing events and district-wide professional development.
- Trustees expressed appreciation for the culturally grounded approach.

8.3 Learning and Innovation – Director of Instruction Bryce Recsky

- Prioritized relationship-building and support for diverse learners.
- Emphasized behavior as communication and the need for compassionate, informed responses.
- Outlined efforts to realign school-based team processes.
- Trustees praised his understanding and commitment to student wellness and inclusion.

8.4 Terms of Reference – Education Advisory Committee

Superintendent Clifton presented Education Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

R02-1638

That the Board of Education for Nisga’a School District approve the Education Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as presented, effective September 1, 2025, and the Terms of Reference be reviewed at least once every two years to ensure continued alignment with the Board of Education’s strategic priorities.

Moved: Trustee Azak

Seconded: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

9. **BUSINESS:**

9.1 Statement of Operations on March 30 2025

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Mercer presented the Financial Statements.

- Revenue: \$9.9M; Expenses: \$8.7M; Current surplus: \$1.2M

- Surplus attributed to unfilled roles and unspent special purpose funds.
- Capital project costs funded by additional ministry support.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

10.1 Policy 210: Field Trips

Superintendent Clifton presented revised field trip policy (regulation to follow).

R02-1639

That the Board of Education approve for first reading Policy 210 – Field Trips.

Moved: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded: Trustee Azak

Carried

*Policy will proceed to public consultation and second/third readings in June.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

11.1 Education Committee – Trustee Morven-Hansen

- Committee will begin with all members in September 2025.
- Responsibilities include student achievement, policy recommendations, and cultural support.
- Membership includes trustees, leaders, NTU, QP, NLG, IEC, student reps.
- Reviewed field trip policy and shared standing agenda.

11.2 Board Retreat – Trustee Morven-Hansen

- Focus on governance capacity, respectful communication, and policy roles.
- Productive work with facilitator Mike McKay.
- Emphasis on transparency, inclusive environments, and governance boundaries.
- Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer praised trustee engagement and collaboration.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

12.1 School Act Amendment (Bill 40) Resource Guide (March 26, 2025)

Superintendent shared information items related to meeting the terms of the new legislation including:

- LEA negotiations scheduled with Nisga'a Lisims Government on June 5 and 12.
- Establishment of Indigenous Education Committee is being overseen by Director Azak.
- Trustees acknowledged the legislative importance and process alignment.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

- No public attendees present for Q&A.
- The Board will continue to promote participation and accessibility for future sessions.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

- Chair Nelson expressed heartfelt appreciation for board and senior staff.
- Acknowledged staff and trustees balancing personal challenges and professional commitment.
- Thanked presenters and emphasized people's role in bringing policy to life.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Morven-Hansen

Seconded: Trustee Azak

Carried



Certified correct,
George Nelson,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Paul Mercer,
Secretary-Treasurer