

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
ALVIN A. MCKAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LAXGAL TSA'P
MAY 17, 2017 – 5:30 PM**

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair Sally Barton, Vice-Chair Alvin Azak Norman Hayduk Tabitha Munroe	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gingolx Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee
Also in attendance:	Orest Wakaruk Carey Stewart	Secretary Treasurer Assistant Superintendent
Absent:	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary (compassionate Leave)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair declared a quorum

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 17, 2017

R01-1128

That the Board of Education approve the May 17, 2017 Agenda with the change to move item 7.12 before item 7.1.1.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1.1 Regular minutes of April 11, 2017

R01-1129

That the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Education held on April 11, 2017 be approved.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN-CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In-camera minutes of May 3, 2017

R02-1130

That the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held on May 3, 2017 be approved.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the May 3, 2017 minutes.

7. EDUCATION REPORT:

7.1 Superintendent of Schools:

7.1.1 2017-2018 School Calendar

The Nisga'a School District has developed a Calendar for the 2017/2018 School Year that includes a two week Spring Break and matches Professional Development day dates in neighbouring school districts. The calendar complies with Ministry requirements on Days in Session, Number of Day of instruction, Number of Non-Instructional Days and Number of Administrative Days.

R02-1131

That the Board of Education of School District 92 (Nisga'a) approve the 2017/2018 School Calendar.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

R02-1132

That the Board of Education Meetings be rotated from community to community starting in September in Gingolx, Laxgalts'ap, Gitwinksihlkw and Gitlaxt'aamiks.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

7.1.2 EDI Presentation – Liza Haldane

The Board appreciates and thanks Liza Haldane for the informative presentation on "Early Childhood Development". The data for the Nisga'a School District was well above the Provincial results. The Board will continue to fund the Ready, Set, Learn and literacy programs. The presentation is available on the web.

7.1.3 Ministry Visit Update – Ted Cadwallader & Darren Sypka

Ted Cadwallader and Darren Sypka from the Ministry of Education visited the School District for 2 days.

Board direction was given to the Assistant Superintendent to obtain their findings and recommendations and inform the Board at the next meeting.

7.1.4 Adult & Continuing Education School Report – Kim Hansen

A detailed report on the Adult Basic Education Program was presented. The report was written by the Alternate Program Principal, Dr. Kim Hansen.

Direction from the Board

For the Assistant Superintendent to prepare a report as to determining the continuance of the offering of the ABE program for the 2017/2018 school year. The report is due May 24, 2017.

7.1.5 Coordinator of Culture and Language Programs Report – Charity Peal

Report by the Coordinator of Language and Programs outlining:

- a. Nisga'a Teachers scheduled events
- b. Classroom teachers
- c. Awareness – events
- d. Performing Arts
- e. Forward Thinking

7.1.6 Year End Field Trips

Eleven year end field trips are planned for June.

At the time of the meeting, Alvin A. McKay Elementary School information was not received.

R02-1133

That the Board of Education approve the two Field Trips to Prince George in the month of June.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

8. BUSINESS REPORT:

8.1 Finance Department:

8.1.1 Interim Monthly Financial Statements – March 31, 2017

March 31, 2017 Interim Financial Statements presented by Secretary Wakaruk in a summary format with notes explaining further programs to be reviewed.

8.1.2 2017/2018 Five Year Capital Plan

The Board of Education requires preparing a Capital Bylaw according to Section 143 of the School Act. The Capital Delivery Branch of the Ministry of Education addresses funding requests for capital projects. The Capital Plan can include expansion, site acquisitions, replacements/renovations, bus acquisitions, Seismic Mitigation Program, building envelope, school enhancement and carbon neutral capital programs.

Attached is a list of 3 projects approved by the Ministry of Education for 2017/2018: namely Alvin A. McKay Elementary School, heating and ventilation upgrades, \$300,000; NESS, window upgrade, \$100,000; Replace an existing bus, \$75,000.

R01-1134

That the Board of Education approve the 2017/2018 Five Year Capital Plan.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried

8.1.3 CSBA Congress 2017/National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education

Trustee Barton is not able to attend the CSBA Conference July 5 – 8, 2017 in Whistler BC. Trustees to notify Sharlene on which who is able to attend in Trustee Barton's place.

8.1.4 School Bus Service

Letter received from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] "identity redacted at third party request" requesting an extension to the bus service they are currently being provided by the School Board for September 2017 to January 2018.

R02-1135

That the Board of Education approve the continuance of the bus route for the 3 students from Gitlaxt'aamiks to Gitwinksihlkw for the school period of September 2017 to January 2018.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

The development of the catchment areas of each of the four school for the purpose of providing bus service be moved to the next meeting for discussion.

8.2 Maintenance

8.2.1 Director of Operations Report – Calvin Morven

The maintenance, facilities, transportation and Health & Safety report was presented by Director of Operations.

Major renovations will occur at Alvin A. McKay Elementary School during the 2018-2019 school year. The Director of Operations will plan with the school staff the transfer of classes to the school portable classrooms.

8.3 Information Technology

January 1 to March 31, 2017 Technology Department report and classroom improvement report was presented.

8.4 Human Resources

Fourteen positions have been posted. Quite a few applications have been received. A Physical Education teacher has been offered a position commencing June 1, 2017.

9. **Policy Development & Review:**

9.1 Policy No. 408-R22 – Job Description: Director of Operations

Policy No. 408-R22 Revised job description for the Director of Operations position was previously discussed and approved by the Board at the Board Committee Meeting on May 8, 2017.

R02-1136

That the Board of Education approve the revised Director of Operations job description as presented.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

10.1 Artist in Education Grant Allocation for 2017/2018

ArtStarts in Schools has proved a \$6,200 grant to the district for the 2017/2018 school year.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

None

12. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Done at Item number 7.1.2

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Peter Leeson made observations and gave suggestions regarding public presentation times for presenting and that Directors could present their own reports.

Question on why there are many job postings on our website. Reason is we have additional Ministry funding for 6 positions, a new Director of Instruction and District

Psychologist position. The Superintendent of Schools position will be posted. Four teachers have left or leaving, this is normal due to many teachers being recruited in central and southern school districts. The new classroom Enhancement Fund will require a minimum of 2,000 teachers Province-wide.

Rich Hotson, NTU President

Notified the Board he will be making a presentation at the next Public Board meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair

Certified correct,
Orest Wakaruk,
Secretary Treasurer