

**NISGA' A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NATHAN BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GINGOLX, BC**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Winnie Morven-Hansen Chair	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee
	George Nelson, Chair	Gingolx Trustee
	Edward Desson	Nass Camp & Surrounding Area
	Carl Azak	Gitwinksihlkw Trustee

Also in attendance:	Jill Jensen	Superintendent of Schools
	Kory Tanner	Secretary-Treasurer
	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary

Absent:	Danica Moore	Laxgalts'ap Trustee
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1. PROTOCOL

Board Chair acknowledges Wilps Gwin Gyoo and Axdiwiluugooda for the loss of family members.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared a declaration of quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

R02-1551

That the Board of Education approve the September 12, 2023, Agenda as presented.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Desson

Carried

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

5.1 Minutes of June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

R02-1552

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 13, 2023, be approved.

Trustee Desson/Trustee Azak

Carried

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

No business arising from the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

7. **PRESENTATION:**

7.1 2022/2023 Year End Audited Financial Statements – Auditors

Steve Vohora LLP presented the 2023/2024 Year End Audited Financial Statements.

8. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent

8.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Review

The focus is on the educated citizen and ensuring that our students are ready for work, post-secondary, and careers they choose. Our priorities for the year are literacy, numeracy, a sense of belonging, well-being, identity, and graduation pathways.

R02-1553

That the Board of Education approve the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Review for 2023 as presented.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Desson

Carried

8.2 Annual Work Plan

Superintendent Jensen presents the Annual Work Plan 2023/2024 for approval.

R02-1554

That the Board of Education approve the 2023/2024 Annual Work Plan as presented.

Trustee Desson/Trustee Azak

Carried

9. **BUSINESS:**
Secretary-Treasurer

9.1 2022/2023 Year End Audited Financial Statements

The Auditor has completed a final review of the Financial Statements and Notes to the Statements prior to the September 12, 2023, Board Meeting. The Statements must be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2023.

Also attached is the School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) Discussion & Analysis of Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. (for information only)

R02-1555

That the Board of Education approves the 2023/2023 Audited Financial Statements Version: 2808-2056-9074 of Nisga'a School District 92 as presented.

Trustee Desson/Trustee Nelson

Carried

9.2 Minor Capital

The 2024/2025 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. The minor submission is attached.

R02-1556

That the Board of Education approve the 2024/2025 Minor Capital Plan as presented.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Azak

Carried

9.3 Director of Operations Report

Director of Operations report for September 2023 for Board review. Information only.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**
No policy development.
11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**
No Trustee reports.
12. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
No correspondence received.
13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Sheri Stewart:

Assessments on Students -

How often is this done throughout the year? My daughter was in grade 7 last year, grade 8 this year.

- concerns around COVID and how many days they missed; they missed a lot of instruction time during those 2 – 3 years.

My concern is where they are at and hoping they can catch up.

Currently, what's provided is just hot water at the school, NESS and our kids bus up there and I was hoping they have an area for a microwave. We did request that last year, but because there was limited supervision, it was kind of...wasn't approved.

Superintendent Jensen:

Your question about assessment and regarding COVID, we hear a lot about that. One thing we need to remember is the globe experience COVID. Students all around the world were away from school for a period of time. It is a concern and something that school systems everywhere are looking at and paying attention to.

There should be assessments going on regularly with classroom teachers, if that is something you would like more information about talk with the teachers and school administration.

Bullying:

Violence at the school. The impact is has on the students. They're mental, emotional and physical well-being. We do need to work together on teaching lateral kindness and understanding, training the children, teachers on building healthy relationships. Also, I read in your report on the building, community building, just question on the social media, I know a lot of people are going through a lot.....mental health, seeing posts, disrespectful comments. I hope that media policy would be enforced.

Superintendent Jensen:

I'm glad that you mentioned the lateral kindness and healthy relationships, I

believe that is how we need to address things. I struggle with the word bullying because it doesn't tell me what's happening. Are there unkind words, are there threats, is it physical harm? It helps if we can name what is happening rather than saying bullying to help move forward. We are doing what we can to help build compassionate and caring spaces in our school. It is something we all need to work on, and work with families to do. There's not a quick fix there, that's some deep work that needs to be done by each of us individually and collectively together.

The social media, that is something we take very seriously, and we have procedures in place. If there is something you come across or anyone else comes across that is inappropriate, we need you to report it to us and we will follow-up.

Lunch Hour:

Secretary Treasurer Tanner

The Ministry has given the district what they call the feeding futures fund, as the auditor talked about the special purpose funds, it will be one of them. We have hired a district food program coordinator who has big plans for lunch time for NESS for those students, event to the fact of getting them all their food safe and getting them involved, if they want to be in there, just helping and having food available for them. The of this feeding futures is breakfast, snacks, lunch. Whatever family's needs or students need while in school. Before definitely it was a body issue, didn't have enough bodies for that. My hope is that students will start use that more than going to the store. Watch for that, she's already started, it's already been happening.

Superintendent Jensen:

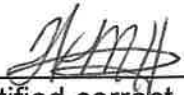
If Village Government or the community has things, they would like to contribute to help with that. I'm sure that our employee would love to get in touch with you and talk and learn more about what the students need and what the parents are hoping, because they are along ways from home.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

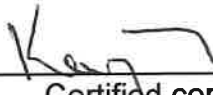
The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Azak

Carried



Certified correct,
Winnie Morven-Hansen,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Kory Tanner,
Secretary Treasurer