

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

JANUARY 6, 2026 – 5:30 PM

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

Regrets:

1. **PROTOCOL**
Chair acknowledged condolences for recent community loss and offered prayers for Wilps Gwin Gyoo and Wilps Gitwilnak'il.
2. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.
3. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**
Board Chair declared a quorum.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
R02-1666
That the Board of Education approved the January 6, 2026 Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Gary Cox
Seconded by: Trustee George Nelson
Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

5.1 Regular Meeting – November 4, 2025

R02-1667

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District adopt the Minutes of the November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting as circulated.

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

Moved by: Trustee Carl Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Gary Cox

Carried

5.2 Regular Meeting – December 11, 2025

R02-1668

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District adopt the Minutes of the December 11, 2025 Regular Meeting as circulated.

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

Moved by: Trustee Carl Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Gary Cox

Carried

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

6.1 Board Participation CSBA Conference in Whistler

Trustees in agreement to attend the CSBA Conference in Whistler scheduled for July 5-8, 2026, in Whistler, BC

Noted: potential cost savings if IEC/PCSDA committee attendance is required; trustees emphasized showcasing the district's 50-year leadership in indigenous education.

R02-1669

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) authorize Trustee attendance at the Canadian School Boards Association 2026 Trustee Gathering on Education, Innovation and Reconciliation in Whistler, BC from July 5 – 8, 2026. The registration, travel, accommodations, and per diem expenses be funded from the Trustee Professional Development and Governance budgets, in accordance with district travel and expense policies. That the Board Chair and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent coordinate registrations and travel arrangements, and that each attending trustees provides a written and verbal learning report at the first regular meeting following the event.

Moved by: Trustee Carl Azak
Seconded by: Trustee Gary Cox

Carried

7. **PRESENTATION:**

7.1 Nisga'a Secondary School – Principal Charity Peal

- Focus on belonging for students and staff.
- Student voice video showcased cultural practices and modernization (e.g., regalia jackets).
- Dual credit Trades Programs at Coast Mountain College: re strong student participation and support.
- Initiatives: cultural assemblies, athletics, numeracy teacher learning, schedule adjustments for student success.

Trustees expressed appreciation for:

- Student engagement and belonging.
- Trades program opportunities.
- Music program revival.
- Superintendent Clifton commended inclusion of student voice and teacher participation.

8. **EDUCATION:**

8.1 Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation Update

- Updated teacher evaluation handbook ensure consistency, honors operational procedures and collective agreement, emphasizes collaborative lifelong learning; first-round evaluation letters issued and evaluation begins this month.
- Launch of online learning platforms (D2L Brightspace, WCLN) for remote access.
- Partnerships with Nisga'a Valley Health, BC Children's Hospital, and Provincial Outreach Program for vision care, pediatric assessments, and specialist support.

R02-1670

THAT the Board of Education receive and file the Director of Instruction Recsky's Report.

Moved by: Trustee George Nelson
Seconded by: Trustee Carl Azak

Carried

8.2 Superintendent Monthly Update
Strategic Plan Alignment

- Goal 1: Language & Culture integration via curriculum mapping and recruitment of language educators.

- Goal 2: Empowered learners through comprehensive assessment strategies.
- Goal 3: Thriving staff via redesigned growth plans and leadership development.
- Goal 4: Strong foundations through governance renewal and operational improvements.
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R02-1671

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

Moved by: Trustee Gary Cox

Seconded by: Trustee George Nelson

Carried

9. BUSINESS:

9.1 OP 335 Health Emergency Response

- The Ministry of Education and Child Care requires all BC school districts to establish and maintain a policy and procedure ensuring availability of AEDs by December.
- OP335 Health Emergency Response procedure was drafted to ensure compliance and to reflect district cultural and operational realities; the procedure is posted on the district website.
- Good Samaritan Act protects staff acting in good faith.
- Training and practice are planned to support effective AED use, with AED kits providing step-by-step instructions.
- Injectable naloxone were ordered and function similarly to an EpiPen; spray naloxone is being sought as a lower-risk alternative; authorization and protocol details will be incorporated into the board's risk-management policies.

9.2 Director of Operations Report

Transportation update: 5 buses, 5 drivers, routes running smoothly; winter road safety collaboration with Nisga'a Lisims Government and the Ministry of Transportation.

10. POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

No Policy Development.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:

11.1 BCSTA Summary

Vice-Chair highlighted

- Governance best practices.
- Networking and advocacy opportunities.

- Recommendations: governance calendar, confidentiality policy review, trustee code of conduct refinement.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Questions received:

- Access to devices for remote learning.
- Procedures for administering EpiPens.

Responses:

District will follow-up; operational procedures in place for anaphylaxis and emergency medication.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Moved by: Trustee George Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Gary Gox

Carried



Certified correct,
Winnie Morven-Hansen,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Ernie Gran,
Secretary Treasurer