

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Norman Hayduk Alvin Azak Floyde Stevens Elsie Davis	Nass Camp Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Gingolx Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee (late arrival)
<b>Also in attendance:</b>	Jill Jensen Kory Tanner Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary
<b>Absent:</b>	Charlene Ousey	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**R02-1361**

That the Board of Education approve the September 28, 2021 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

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

**R02-1362**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 15, 2021 be approved as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

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

There were no issues arising from the minutes.

**6. PRESENTATION:**

There were no presentation(s).

7. **BUSINESS:**  
Secretary Treasurer Tanner

7.1 Audited Financial Statements – 2020/2021

The Auditor has completed a final review of the Financial Statements and Notes to the Statements prior to the September 28, 2021 Board Meeting. The Statements must be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2021. The Auditor will present the Audited Financial Statements to the Board of Education.

Also attached is the discussion and analysis for the Financial Statements for information only.

Auditor Carlyle Shepherd and Company presented the 2021/2021 Audited Financial Statements to the Board of Education.

**R02-1363**

That the Board of Education approve the 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements Version: 5584-4838-2856 of School District 92 (Nisga'a) as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

7.2 Maintenance Report  
Director of Operations, Martin Percival

Over the summer and into the beginning of the school year, we continued work on houses and apartments, varying from full renovations to basic refresh.

All schools had HVAC cleaning and yearly maintenance performed. NESS with the most extensive, having all ducts, air handlers and exhaust fans cleaned. This is in addition to new fan motors and filter racks to accommodate MERV 13 filters more easily throughout the school.

Schools also had typical summer maintenance, floors fully refurbished, paint touch ups, thorough cleaning.

Maintenance department had 2 student workers on during the summer, showing them a little bit of what goes into keeping the schools operational behind the scenes.

7.3 Day Care Report

September 2021 Daycare Report to the Board regarding:

- Enrolment
- Funding Options
- Learning

For information only.

8. **EDUCATION:**  
Superintendent Jensen

8.1 Enrolment & Start Up

Superintendent Jensen Report to the Board on:

- Start Up has gone well
- It has been a joy being able to participate in the walks to school
- Ceremony and celebration as a way to start off the year has been just lovely
- Enrolment as of September 15<sup>th</sup> – 373
- District Orientation Day went well
- Building Capacity & Wellness
  - compassionate systems leadership, a program that our principals have been participating in
  - Enriched opportunities – NESS grade 11 & 12 students – Trades Sampler with Coast Mountain College
  - In district Speech Language Pathologist working part-time
- Graduation Program
- Pathway to Graduation
- Enriched Opportunities
- Improving Literacy

Trustee Azak:

- Glad to see Superintendent at our Walk to School in Gitwinksihlkw.
- Encouraged by the pure excitement of the little students when they first saw their school
- The thing was, the Superintendent being there she was able to make the announcement about the new gym at GES.

8.2 Strategic Direction & Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

- The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning is reviewed annually and submitted to the Ministry.
- Superintendent will be sharing more information on both the framework and strategic direction more at the October Board Meeting when the strategic plan is to be approved.
- Superintendent presented a short summary about how the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning is closely connected to strategic directions.

Trustee Azak:

I am very happy again; we are taking strategic action to keep aligned with our strategic plan. It is very satisfying to see all the work that people have done at the grassroots level, coming to the meetings that we asked them to come and voicing their desires of the learning environment and the learning curriculum. I am glad that the staff is on board, the more that we convince ourselves, us at the board level, senior staff, all those that are in the classroom in the buildings, that we believe in where we are going as stated in our plan. If we keep that

happening, it gives our children, grandchildren a much better chance of achieving what we are praying and hoping that they want.

#### Board Chair

I am happy with the report, it is always good to have a good framework to move forward. We have a blueprint of what it is we want to do over the next four years. Everybody is paddling in one direction, nobody is paddling backwards, we are all on board, we are at 100% buy-in and from there just move forward. As Trustee Azak says, that this has to do with our children and I have always said that from the start...when I first started as trustee, there is a combination of things that need to happen both at school and at home with the....we all work together as parents, teachers, administration, school board. The goal is to enhance the education of our children and give them the best opportunity to be successful in life as they move forward through their young lives, so I am very excited, and I am always happy to see. We are looking at strategies to move forward and we are not stuck in one place. Thank you for the report.

#### 8.3 2021/2022 School Calendar

Superintendent reports that the 2021/2022 School Calendar has been updated due to the new stat holiday, Truth & Reconciliation Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 8.4 Operational Procedures

To support the Board in fulfilling their governance role, our district updated our policies in January, the next step was to update operational procedures. Both policies and procedures should be reviewed regularly to ensure they meet legislative requirements, and the needs of staff and students. We have finally completed updating our operating procedures manual and these procedures addressed district administration, student learning programs, practices and resources, student health safety and well-being, human resources, business operations and finance. There are a handful of procedures still in development, but the manual is ready for use. Thank you very much to the board members who participated in our in-service to review the manual and share some information. That manual will be posted on the district website.

#### 8.5 Language & Culture Report – Peter McKay

- Successful efforts have been made to incorporate ceremony throughout the Welcome back Pro-D on September 3, 2021. This included entrance into the hall in feast mode fashion. The presence of drums and song was evident throughout the day. It is a sincere hope that teachers throughout the district will incorporate the cultural gems that they partook in.
- Students of NESS were welcomed back with song and drum as they entered the building on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The hope is to make this a regular event at NESS and perhaps at all schools.
- Disbursement within our school of the new Sim'algax story books has taken place and the process of capturing voice to create audio books is underway.

- Visits to Sim'algax class in each of our schools has started. The desire is to focus upon teaching a core group of kindergarten students in an effort to track progress for a number of years.
- Plans to continue adult learning with Sim'algax are in the works
- School drum and dance group at NESS will begin on September 20. It will become a weekly Monday morning feature that includes staff.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

Reported at 8.4 Operational Procedures.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

No trustee reports.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence.

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: (7:20 pm)**

No questions

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.



Certified correct,  
Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair



Certified correct,  
Kory Tanner,  
Secretary Treasurer