

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

**FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – 6:30 PM**

In attendance:	Elsie Davis Norman Hayduk Floyde Stevens Charlene Ousey Alvin Azak	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Nass Camp Trustee Gingolx Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gitwinksihkw Trustee
Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes Carey Stewart Orest Wakaruk Kory Tanner	Superintendent of Schools Assistant Superintendent Secretary Treasurer Assistant Secretary Treasurer
Absent:	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary (Due to illness)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

**R02-1252**

That the Board of Education approve February 19, 2019 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

4.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes– January 15, 2019

**R02-1253**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 15, 2019 be approved.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 20, 2018 MINUTES:**

No business arising from the November 20, 2018 Minutes.

6. **PRESENTATION:**

No presentations.

7. **EDUCATION:**

**Superintendent of Schools – Joe Rhodes:**

7.1 2019/2020 School Calendar (Feedback)

Feedback from the communities prior to the meeting were:

- there was no December meeting
- Spring Break should be scheduled with the Easter Long Weekend
- Half day parent/teacher interviews are not on the schedule and focus on the strategic plan

**R02-1254**

That the Board of Education, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Ousey

Carried

7.2 FNESC Workplan Update

The Language and Culture school grants workplan and budget were presented as attached. Community members should respond directly to the school principal with their concerns as the projects are managed by individual schools.

7.3 Policy for Teacher Evaluations

Concerns were brought forward that teacher evaluations are not being completed. A question was raised on what supports and training are available for teachers.

**R02-1255**

That the Administrators follow Board Policy 400-P and commence teacher evaluations.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

8. **BUSINESS:**  
Secretary Treasurer – Orest Wakaruk

8.1 Capital Bylaw No. 2019-01

A Bylaw by the Board of Education is required to approve the borrowing of funds from the Toronto Dominion Bank for the purposes of: an operating line of credit, a business visa facility and a term loan for renovations of a teacher accommodation (Grizzly House) for the School District.

**R02-1256**

That the Board of Education, School District No 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Capital Bylaw No. 2019-01.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Stevens

Carried

8.2 Amended Annual Budget 2018/2019

The Board of Education must approve a Bylaw by February 28, 2019 to adopt the Amended Annual Budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act.

The Amended Annual Budget Version 7681-6935-4953 is presented to the Board for review and approval.

**R02-1257**

That the Board of Education, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) dispense with the first and second readings of the Amended Annual Budget Version 7681-6935-4953.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Stevens

Unanimously Carried

**R02-1258**

That the Board of Education, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget Version 7681-6935-4953.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

8.3 Interim Financials at December 31, 2018

Secretary Treasurer presented the Interim December 31, 2018 Operating Statements.

**R02-1259**

That the Board of Education, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Interim Financial Statements at December 31, 2018.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Stevens

Carried

8.4 Interim Financials at January 31, 2019

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Interim January 31, 2019 Operating Statements.

**R02-1260**

That the Board of Education, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Interim Financial Statements at January 31, 2019.

Trustee Stevens/Trustee Ousey

Carried

8.5 Maintenance Report – January 31, 2019

Secretary Treasurer presented the District January 2019 Maintenance Report.

For information only.

8.6 IT Report – December 2018/January 2019

Secretary Treasurer presented the District December 2018 and January 2019 Information Systems Report.

For information only.

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

9.1 Policy No. 318-P – Physical Restraint and Seclusion

The Superintendent presented the final copy of Policy No. 318-P Physical Restraint and Seclusion. A draft was sent out to the communities and agencies for feedback and incorporated into the policy.

Administrative procedures will be written and brought forward to the next Board meeting. A few suggested areas to review are the male restraining a female, additional training is required for staff, a monitoring and

reporting process is required and consideration as to how the local RCMP will be involved.

**R02-1261**

That the Board of Education, School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve Policy No. 318-P Physical Restraint and Seclusion.

Trustee Ousey/Trustee Azak

Carried

10. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

None

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

11.1 Indigenous Education Committee Report – Trustee Azak

Trustee Azak attended the Indigenous Education Committee meeting at the BCSTA November 2018 meeting.

Five questions were posed to the attendees. Responses to the questions were documented and attached. The document contains good information and awareness that could be brought to the community level.

Trustee Azak's term ends on April 2019, this completes his 3-year term on this committee.

11.2 Provincial Council Report – Trustee Hayduk

Trustee Hayduk attended the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on February 8 and 9, 2019:  
SFU Wosk Centre – Vancouver BC

Our introductory session with Ministry official gave an overview of past (and current) funding model. It became clear that as usual without specifics it is difficult to understand/support a new allocation framework. People wanted a hint of what is to come to get a sense of how it will impact their district, but few specifics were share, (A valuable suggestion from the floor was to include a commitment for a review after the new system has been in place for 3 or 4 years to address any unforeseen difficulties) Again the principles of equity, predictability and flexibility are supported by the Ministry, but how this is going to be achieved was the real question. This remains unanswered. The significant differences between districts and how to be seen to live up to these expectations is a challenge. A new funding mechanism for Education was an election promise that is proving to be quite difficult. Districts are concerned as to what the results will actually look like. Without clear and common agreement on the meaning of terms like community, rural, equity of opportunity etc., the range of effect when the new formula

is implemented is large.

Next steps will be a round of working groups that I think are intended to make sense of the whole thing. Boards still have the opportunity to submit thoughts, and advise through the BCSTA (these will be shared with other boards (unless requested otherwise) or directly to the Ministry.

As I mentioned previously motions to Provincial Council go through a vetting process by the Legislative Committee, while those submitted late must be of in emergent nature in order for them to be accepted for debate. This meeting had such motions (late) submitted and the Councillors refused to allow some on the basis that they were not emergent even if the subject matter itself was valid/important.

BCSTA budget will be presented at AGM. It includes a salary increase for executive members and a BCSTA staff increase based on teacher negotiation settlement.

## 12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

During the public question period a few questions were posed.

FNESC Language and Culture funding – we are checking if unspent funds at June 30, 2019 are not spent, if they can be carried to the fiscal 2019/20.

All changes to the original project submission will have to be approved by FNESC.

The district support staff are providing assorted services to the individual school programs and will be charging for those services up to the maximum allowed by FNESC.

Any training required by staff in this program will be reviewed by the individual school Principals.

Schools will be providing to FNESC an interim report on March 1, 2019 and a final report on June 30, 2019.

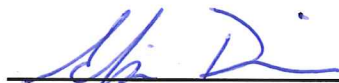
The Board is supportive of the school sports programs. The Director of Operations will have the gym floor and the score board assessed and will ensure remedial work is completed.

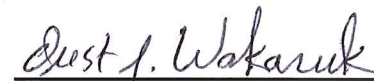
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Ousey

Carried

  
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Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair

  
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Certified correct,  
Orest Wakaruk,  
Secretary Treasurer