

**NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MICROSOFT TEAMS  
GITLAXT'AAMIKS, BC**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

**In attendance:** Winnie Morven-Hansen      Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee  
George Nelson, Chair      Gingolx Trustee  
Danica Moore      Laxgalts'ap Trustee  
Edward Desson      Nass Camp Area Trustee  
Carl Azak      Gitwinksihkw Trustee

**Also in attendance:** Matthew Monkman      Superintendent of Schools  
Paul Mercer      Secretary-Treasurer  
Sharlene Grandison      Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

**1. PROTOCOL:**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm.

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**R02-1570**

That the Board of Education approve the February 13, 2024 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Desson

Carried

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

5.1 Minutes of January 16, Regular Meeting Minutes

**R02-1571**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on January 16, 2024, be approved as presented.

Trustee Desson/Trustee Moore

Carried

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**  
No Business arising from the January 16, 2024 Regular Minutes.

7. **PRESENTATION:**  
No presentations.

8. **EDUCATION:**  
Superintendent

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- UBC Field Experience Students coming to the school district; a cohort coming in May and June.
- Coast Mountain College is currently in NESS, a trainer has a cohort of students, in addition a few adult students taking the Foundation Carpentry Program.
- Update on NESS Basketball: This past weekend the boys team went to Prince Rupert for a tournament and came in fourth place, the Grade 8 girls and grade 8 boys also attended the Zones in Prince Rupert and both teams came in second.
- Engage Sport North, a support sport organization out of Prince George. Rob Stiles, who was here previously, he will be in the district in February, he will be at AAMES and GES for wheelchair basketball.
- Land-based learning will be happening with a few staff members to start shaping an opportunity for our teaching staff to get our young people outside and engaging in land-based learning. Learning about Nisga'a culture, Nisga'a language. Inter-weaving curriculum learning outcomes.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – NESS Principal had organized, as a fresh start for the school, a cleansing of the school, windows were opened, they smudged through the school. Elders went through with drums to drive out evil spirits. There was a welcoming fresh.....and a fresh start. There were cedar boughs around the school. In the gymnasium there was a blanketing ceremony, which involved elders of the community who came in, and as well key representatives. There was a recognition of the passing of responsibility from the community to the leaders of the education system to take on the mantel of educating the young people.
- Student Learning at Alvin A. McKay Elementary School – students getting outside, but also the incorporation of art and form to what they were doing.

8.2 Nisga'a Language & Culture Report – T. Azak

Language curriculum update:

- Language learning is for all grades and all teachers
- Big Ideas
- Curricular competencies
- What's next?

Resources:

1. 2015 Language curriculum – SD#92
2. BC Ministry of Education – Curriculum

- 3. First Nations Language Curriculum – Building Guide, FNESC
- 4. First Nation Language Essentials – FN Education Steering Committee 2018

Supporting the Language Program

- Training/planning/sharing sessions
  - Language Expert
- Support
  - Staff
  - Education Assistance
- Goals
  - Alignment
  - Assessment

9. **BUSINESS:**  
Secretary-Treasurer

9.1 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget

The 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Version: 3097-2351-9369 requires Board approval and submission to the Ministry by February 29, 2024.

Requesting approval to do three readings in one sitting.

**R02-1572**

That the Board of Education agrees to have three readings in one sitting for the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw, 2023/2024.

Trustee Moore/Trustee Azak

Carried

**R02-1573**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) adopt the Amended Annual Budget Version: 309-2351-9369 for the fiscal year 2023/2024 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act.

Trustee Moore/Trustee Azak

Carried

9.2 Director of Operations Report

Brief report, bathroom renovation near completion, 95% complete. If the Board is interested and if the Board meet in person on the 12<sup>th</sup>, we could do a tour of the facility with the upgrade, with a dinner at 5:00 pm before the meeting.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**  
No policy development.

- 11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**  
No trustee reports.
- 12. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**  
No correspondence.
- 13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**  
No public in attendance.
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Moore

Carried

  
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Certified correct,  
Winnie Morven-Hansen,  
Board Chair

  
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Certified correct,  
Paul Mercer,  
Secretary Treasurer