

**NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.
NISGA'A ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

In attendance:	Winnie Morven-Hansen, Vice-Chair Danica Moore Carl Azak	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee
Also in attendance:	Robert Clifton Paul Mercer Bryce Recsky Tanya Azak Sharlene Grandison Recorder	Superintendent of Schools Secretary-Treasurer Director of Instruction Director of Instruction Executive Assistant –
Absent:	George Nelson, Chair Gary Cox	Gingolx Trustee Nass Camp & Surrounding

1. PROTOCOL:

Acknowledgement to Wilps Wii Litskw on the passing of a family member.
Prayers go out to the family.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Morven-Hansen called the Meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Vice-Chair Morven-Hansen declared quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

R02-1640

That the Board of Education approve the May 6, 2025, Agenda with one addition under 11. Trustee Reports – Trustee Morven-Hansen.

Moved: Trustee Moore

Seconded: Trustee Azak

Carried

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

5.1 Regular Meeting of May 6, 2025

R02-1641

That the Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board held on May 6, 2025 be approved.

Moved: Trustee Azak

Seconded: Trustee Moore

Carried

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

No business arising from the May 6, 2025, minutes.

7. **PRESENTATIONS:**

No presentations.

8. **EDUCATION:**

8.1 Director of Instruction Tanya Azak – Indigenous Education and Early Learning

- Recognition of June as National Indigenous Month and Pride Month.
- Celebration of the Indigenous Education team's work, including mentorship, co-planning, and cultural integration across all schools.
- Strong collaboration with community partners such as Nisga'a Valley Health Authority and Nisga'a Lisims Government.
- Progress in early learning despite staffing challenges in StrongStart programs.
- Ongoing development of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC), with increasing community participation.
- Monthly professional development for Nisga'a language teachers, including immersive language lessons and curriculum alignment.
- Successful hosting of the Compassionate Systems Foundations 2 workshop in Gitwinksihlkw, attended by youth, staff, elders, and knowledge keepers.
- Trustees expressed deep appreciation for the cultural richness and community engagement fostered through these initiatives.

8.2 Director of Instruction Bryce Recsky's Update – Learning and Innovation

- Reflection on two months in the role, emphasizing relationship building and cultural sensitivity.
- Teacher and administrator evaluations revealed high levels of professionalism, passion and commitment to student success.
- Training completed on critical incident response planning through Safe Schools, with plans to implement trauma-informed policies.

8.3 Superintendent's Update

- Strengthened partnerships with local governments and agencies to support holistic student well-being.
- Recognition of successful events such as science fairs, learning feasts, and cultural celebrations.
- Personal reflections on leadership, community engagement, and the importance of joy and compassion in education.
- emphasis on aligning school goals with district strategic plan to reduce redundancy and increase purpose.
- Introduction of EdPlan Insight to track student progress and inform decision-making.

9. **BUSINESS:**

9.1 2025/2026 Annual Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Mercer presented the 2025/2026 Annual Budget Bylaw totaling \$15,722,089.

Emphasized transparency and collaboration with village governments. Bylaw read three times as required by the School Act.

Annual Budget Bylaw

A Bylaw of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)

(called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board of Education has complied with the provisions of the Act, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$15, 722,089 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026.

R02-1642

READ A FIRST TIME THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2025;

Moved: Trustee Azak

Seconded: Trustee Moore

Carried

R02-1643

READ A SECOND TIME THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2025;

Moved: Trustee Azak
Seconded: Trustee Moore
Carried

R02-1644

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

Moved: Trustee Azak
Seconded: Trustee Moore
Carried

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

10.1 Policy 210: Field Trips

Superintendent Clifton presented Policy 210 – Field Trips for 2nd and 3rd readings.

- Policy supports experiential, culturally respectful, and safe learning opportunities.
- Public feedback – 20+ responses was reviewed, with most respondents being parents and community members.
- Clarification provided on the distinction between policy and procedure.
- Policy will link to the forthcoming student conduct policy.

R02-1645

That the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District No. 92 approve 2nd and 3rd reading for Policy – 210 – Field Trips.

Moved: Trustee Azak
Seconded: Trustee Moore
Carried

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

12. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence received.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

A member of the public raised questions regarding:

- Potential staffing reductions (CUPE and administrative).
- Budget allocations and their impact on student learning.
- Senior leadership staffing levels.

Response:

- Superintendent Clifton clarified that there are no anticipated cuts to NTU members.

- Operational questions were redirected to private meetings with the appropriate staff.
- Emphasis was placed on the unique context of the Nisga'a School District and the importance of investing in leadership to support student success.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustees expressed:

- Gratitude for the Superintendent's leadership and vision.
- Appreciation for the cultural integration and community partnerships.
- Support for continued collaboration and transparency.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Certified correct
Winnie Morven-Hansen
Vice-Chair



Certified correct
Paul Mercer
Secretary-Treasurer