

**NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NATHAN BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GINGOLX, BC**

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 – 5:30 PM

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

1. PROTOCOL

Chair acknowledged condolences for recent community loss and offered prayers for Wilps Sgat'iin.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
R02-0501**

That the Board of Education approved the May 5, 2026, Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Moore

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

5.1 Regular Meeting – April 7, 2026

R02-0502

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District adopt the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting as circulated.

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

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

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

No business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATION:

7.1 Nathan Barton Elementary School – School Learning Improvement Plan – Rosetta Doolan/Aaron Reusch

A presentation was delivered highlighting:

- Strengthening cultural identity
- Bridging Nisga'a literacy to English success
- Student engagement through cultural and land-based learning
- Early evidence of improved literacy and writing outcomes

The Board expressed appreciation for the presentation and the work occurring within the school.

8. **EDUCATION:**

8.1 Superintendent Update & (HAWD Report – Handout)

- Review of public-facing student achievement and well-being data
- Continued emphasis on culturally grounded learning
- Identification of **chronic absenteeism** as a significant district-wide challenge
- Plans to develop and monitor a comprehensive attendance strategy

R02-0503

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

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

8.2 Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education & Early Learning – Tanya Azak

- Indigenous Compassion Systems Retreat
- Indigenous Education Council (IEC) updates
- District Professional Development Day
- Early Learning initiatives (Welcome to Kindergarten; Ready, Set, Learn)

R02-0504

THAT the Board of Education receive and file the Director of Instruction and Indigenous Education & Early Learning Update for May 2026.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

8.3 Nisga'a Secondary School Trip to Japan

Verbal update provided regarding chaperone changes and mitigation planning to ensure the trip proceeds safety as planned.

R02-0505

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

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

9. BUSINESS:

9.1 Preliminary Annual Budget (2026-2027)

A high-level overview of the proposed balanced operating budget was presented, emphasizing:

- Learner success
- Inclusive and Indigenous education
- Financial sustainability

9.2 Monthly Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the district remains in a stable financial position, with expenses closely monitored and a moderate surplus projected.

9.3 Trustee Election 2026

The Secretary Treasurer provided the Board information on Key election dates, campaign and compliance rules, expectations regarding trustee conduct during the election period.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

Governance Policy Review

The Board reviewed and approved the updated governance policies as recommended:

10.1 Policy 2: Role of the Board of Education

R02-0506

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 approves Policy 2 – Role of the Board of Educations as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Moore

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

10.4 Policy 3: Role of the Trustee

R02-0507

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 approved Policy 3: Role of the Trustee as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Moore

Carried

10.5 Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair

R02-0508

That the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 approves Policy 5: Role of the Board Chair as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Moore
Seconded by: Trustee Nelson

Carried

10.6 Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair

R02-0509

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 approves Policy 6: Role of the Vice-Chair as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson
Seconded by: Trustee Moore

Carried

10.2 Policy 11 – Role of the Superintendent

R02-0510

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 approves Policy 11: Role of the Superintendent as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Cox
Seconded by: Trustee Moore

Carried

10.3 Delegation Authority

R02-511

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District 92 approves Policy 10: Delegation of Authority as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson
Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

11.1 BCPSEA Report

Update provided on sector calls and provincial ratification process.

11.2 Chair Update

Highlights from BCSTA AGM, Board Chair sessions, and committee participation were shared.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions raised regarding:

- Budget sustainability
- Teacher recruitment and retention

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Moved by: Trustee Nelson

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried



Certified correct,
Winnie Morven-Hansen,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Ernie Gran,
Secretary Treasurer