

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

TUESDAY, December 10, 2024 – 4:00 PM

In attendance:	Winnie Morven-Hansen Danica Moore Carl Azak Gary Cox George Nelson, Chair	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee via Teams Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp & Surrounding Areas Gingolx Trustee
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Also in attendance:	Robert Clifton Paul Mercer Sharlene Grandison Tanya Azak	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary Director of Instruction of Indigenous Education & Early Learning
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Absent:

1. PROTOCOL:

Board Chair Nelson acknowledged condolences to Wilps Sgat'in on the passing of a family member.

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared a declaration of quorum.

4. TRUSTEE ELECTIONS:

4.1 Board Chair – Secretary Treasurer, chairing this portion of the meeting

Trustee Nelson expressed interest in the Board Chair seat.

Call for Nominations for Board Chair –

Trustee Nelson do let your name stand? Trustee Nelson: Yes

Trustee Moore expressed interest in the Board Chair seat.

Second and third time called for nominations. Nominations closed.

Vote 6:54 pm

George Nelson: 3
Danica Moore: 1

George Nelson nominated as Board Chair.

Secretary Treasurer hand over the Chair to Trustee Nelson.

4.2 Vice-Chair

Nominations open for Vice-Chair.

Winnie expressed interest in the Vice-chair seat.

Second call for nominations
Third call for nominations
Nominations closed.

Trustee Winnie Morven-Hansen in by acclamation.

4.3 Trustee Representatives

Trustee Morven-Hansen:

Motion to keep BCSTA Provincial Councillor and BCPSEA Reps the same -
Trustee Azak and Trustee Nelson.

Trustee Nelson expressed his thoughts on BCPSEA Rep and that if someone
else was interested, it is ok with him.

Trustee Morven-Hansen expressed interested. She is the BPCSEA Rep.

Business Committee Chair

Trustee Morven Hansen recommended Trustee Azak.

Board Chair:
Trustee Azak, do you let your name stand?

Trustee Azak: Yes

Education Committee Chair

Expressed interest – Trustee Morven Hansen

Board Chair, anyone else interested. None.

Business Committee Chair: Trustee Carl Azak
Education Committee Chair – Trustee Morven Hansen

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

R02-1610

That the Board of Education approve the December 10, 2024, Agenda as presented.

Trustee Morven-Hansen/Trustee Cox

Carried

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

6.1 Minutes of November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

R02-1611

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 19, 2024, be approved as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

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

No business arising from the November 19, 2024 minutes.

8. **PRESENTATION:**

No presentations.

9. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent

9.1 Superintendent Update

- Building relationships
- Aligning vision with Boards current strategic plan
- Operational excellence – 2025 continue to address improvements
- Excited to work with the Board
- Supporting the new strategic plan
- Committed to this district...

R02-1612

That the Board of Education receive the Superintendent's Update.

Trustee Cox/Trustee Azak

Carried

9.2 Strategic Plan

Superintendent Clifton gave an update on the Strategic Plan.

- Survey to go out to communities
- Survey to be reviewed by Board before it goes out
- Survey will be out for a month

9.3 Director of Instruction/Indigenous Education

What is happening:

Acknowledge Knowledge Keeper Alvin Azak who departed the district for another position in the valley,

Education family:

- Myself and two helping teachers, meet once a month
- This month we discovered that there is a 'lull', teachers aren't asking for help as much
- Themes
- Supporting language teachers, using Askme document, first nations
- Teachers are trained,
- Video classrooms support
- More experienced language teachers can offer
- Offering classroom visits
- Compassionate systems: in talk with, she would like to offer workshop in the valley, still in the early stages.
- Planning to gather all members that have been trained, to offer opportunities to participate.....
- If there is specific things you would like me to speak about, let me know.

Trustee Azak acknowledged Knowledge Keeper Alvin Azak.

Trustee Morven-Hansen gave appreciation to Tanya for all the work she does on behalf of the children of our district.

10. **BUSINESS:** Secretary Treasurer

10.1 Financial Report

Secretary Treasurer Mercer gave an overview of the Financial Report.

10.2 2023/2024 Statement of Financial Information

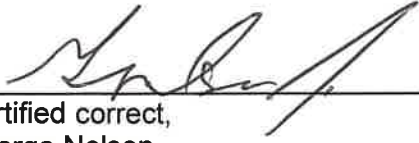
For consistency with the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act, respecting Public Accounts reporting, a Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) must be submitted by each school district within six months following the corporation's fiscal year end. School Districts are defined as corporations as outline in the Financial Information Act.

Reference the attached 2023/2024 School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report.

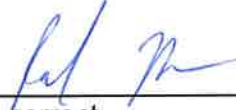
R02-1613

That the Board of Education approve the 2023/2024 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year end June 30, 2024.

- Trustee Morven-Hansen/Trustee Cox
11. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:** Carried
- 11.1 Ad Hoc Work Working Group
- Superintendent recommendation for an Ad Hoc Working Group struck to begin review of the Governance Policy.
- Trustee Azak would like to be a part of this group. This should be done every year.
12. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**
- 12.1 Board Meeting Date Change
- Board Meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of of the month.
- 12.2 BCSTA Provincial Council Report – Trustee Azak
- Trustee Azak gave report on his attendance at the Provincial Council meeting:
- Non representative for each district.
 - 60 in attendance
 - Different updates,
 - Motion 6 – non voting student representative, that barely passed, has moved forward
 - Email re survey how it's going to look for districts, not mandatory, but an option – sending a student as a non-voting rep. taking a student from the north would be extra cost.
 - Funding BCSTA gets every year, this past year 153,000 that wasn't spent.
 - Holding funds for now....
 - Reimbursement for committee rep attendance – claims sent?
13. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
No correspondence.
14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD – 8:04**
- No public in attendance.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:**
- The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



Certified correct,
George Nelson
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Paul Mercer,
Secretary Treasurer