

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – 6:30 PM

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair Charlene Ousey Alvin Azak Norman Hayduk	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gitwinksihkw Trustee Nass Camp Trustee
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Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes Kory Tanner Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary
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Absent:	Floyde Stevens	Gingolx Trustee
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Ousey to Chair the Board meeting.

Before call to order: Trustee Azak will go over Protocol with the loss of a community member.

Acknowledgement of the late Ernie Morven.

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2019:

R02-1276

That Board of Education approve the September 17, 2019 Agenda with the following changes:

- 8. Business
 - 8.1 – Motion
 - 8.2 – Information
 - 8.3 - Information

Trustee Azak/Trustee Davis
All in Favor

Carried

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

R02-1277

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 18, 2019 be approved with the following corrections:

Page 5 – Change - Taron Peal to Taron Scott

Trustee Davis/Trustee Azak
All in favor

Carried

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

No business arising from the June 18, 2019 Minutes.

6. **PRESENTATION:**

No presentations.

7. **EDUCATION:**

Joe Rhodes, Superintendent

7.1 Calendar Amendment

A mistake made on identifying the Provincial Pro D Day. It is actually October 25th. We need to move the day to this time from October 18th.

R02-1278

That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the 2019-2020 School Calendar, changing October 18th Provincial Pro D Day to October 25th.

Trustee Davis/Trustee Hayduk
All in Favor

Carried

Trustee Davis:

In favor of moving the date; it will require correspondence to the schools with regards to parents making plans. Important that we do that.

Notification will be sent to parents and community.

7.2 School Start Information

School Startup Information:
Enrolment

Staffing Changes
Vacancies
Facility Improvements
Back to School Marches
High school Timetable/Program Opportunities
Outside Timetable
Language and Culture
District Wide Write Data – Spring 2019
Results of the 2019 Indigenous Child Author Competition – Sydnee Nisyok
Back to School 2019 – Ministry of Education

7.3 NLG Request Letter

List of requests for additional resources made to Nisga'a Lisims Government as per their letter dated August 15, 2019.

Trustee Davis – at a previous meeting Trustee Stevens made a suggestion to possibly do some prework with the financial team to be able to reiterate in the meeting, what the intent of the request was. Is that still possible?

Superintendent: It was the best that I could do, so close to the deadline.

7.4 Immunization Regulations

Ministry expectations for schools for the enhanced immunization program.

(Posted with September 17, 2019 Board meeting package on the district website).

8. **BUSINESS:**

Kory Tanner, Secretary Treasurer

8.1 2018/2019 Audited Financial Statements

The Auditor has completed a final review of the Financial Statements and Notes to the Statements prior to the September 17, 2019 Board Meeting. The Statements must be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2019.

R02-1279

That the Board of Education approves the 2018/2019 Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) as presented.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Davis
All in Favor

Carried

8.2 CUPE Bargaining

CUPE Local 2298, BCPSEA and School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) have come to an agreement on the next Collective Agreement.

For information only.

8.3 Information Technology Report

Information Technology Report for September 10, 2019 as presented:

Projects:

Summer Maintenance
Design New Website
NGN ECS Project
Summer Network Upgrade
Upcoming Projects
Helpdesk System

For information only.

Trustee Davis:

Regards to the new website – had a chance to look at it and did not see The Vision Statement is not on the website. Would like to suggest it be posted to the district website.

8.4 Director of Operations Report: Calvin Morven

Director of Operations report at September, 2019 as reported:

- Schools
- Residential Housing
- Health and Safety
- Maintenance Work Orders
- Staffing

9. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:** Superintendent Rhodes

Policy is mandated by the Ministry.
BCSTA Legal Counsel sent a draft template.

Policy No. 309-P – Provision of Menstrual Products to Students for review and adoption for first reading.

Policy will be sent out to the communities for feedback.

R02-1280

That the Board of Education approve for first reading Policy No. 309-P Provision of Menstrual Products to students with student input.

Trustee Davis/Trustee Hayduk
All in Favor

Carried

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Azak:

We have been catching up with all new trustees that are on the IEC Committee. Those of us there before, are now a minority to the committee. We are doing a lot of awareness, catching up, introducing each others, one addition to the committee, and that is an elder.

Most of you know Joe Thorn, he is the appointed elder; a great help for the committee.

There was a huge loss of momentum, because of the shift of personnel on the committee; we had to start at the beginning again.

We have now caught up on with what the committee was doing and will move now forward. The IEC committee will make reports to the Northern Interior/ Northwest Branch Joint meeting in Prince George. Our minutes from that meeting has been circulated.

Trustee Davis: Are the minutes to be posted on the BCSTA Hub or going to be circulated to boards?

Trustee Azak: A newsletter will be circulated at the NI/NW branch meeting.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

An NTU report was received, but missed the deadline for input into the meeting packages. It will move forward to the next board meeting.

12. **Pubic QUESTION PERIOD:**

Taron Scott:

According to school shared information, there is mention that there are two positions to fill at NESS.

I have a document here, and I am wondering where the Home-school Coordinator positions are. Those were lobbied and advertised and sold to our communities, for open communication. Concerned, that there is no communication as to why those positions are not there anymore.

The breakfast program, any statistical information, that show improvement in attendance.

The communications protocol needs to be highlighted better for understanding. A lot of our parents are not utilizing these steps

Student Injury

Nothing in there states to contact the parents. I have never been contacted

Policy Development

There are Policies for no smoking and scent free. I don't see anything on baking, children who do bake, are seemingly getting away with it.

Daycare

Wondering other information can be provided, other than mid-October opening.

Trustee Davis

Update on the Daycare, is no different from June meeting aside from the date. We have limited economy over what we can get the contractors to build. They are working, we are working, large equipment has been ordered. There have been some ideas given to contractors regarding the play area place. Other than that, there really is no updates. We are doing everything we possibly can to get our contractors to get it done.

Secretary-Treasurer Tanner – The Home-School Coordinators, they are still very much there.

Joe, encourages Taron to meet with the school regarding her concerns. Or attend PAC meetings.

Items brought up are internal issued.

Charity Peal:

Supplement, she can bring concern to school, what is her next step after that.

Superintendent Rhodes: If she is not happy with the outcome, she can come meet with me.

Charity – menstrual products – happy to see it on the agenda and that students will be able to have access to them.

Super happy about the district wide write – esp. grade 8's.

Nice to see its tracked and are improvements all around. As a returning teacher, making sure we are all on the same page, we know when data is being collected. Influence on how performance happens. Looking forward to seeing numeracy improvement.

Derek Azak

Thank you to maintenance for refinishing the gym floor.
Probably the biggest challenge is keeping it that way.

Started our school sports sign-up sheets; looking forward for the board support in these sports.

Grade 8 results, district wide write – by the time students reach grade 8. Most students are well below grade level.

Suggests that the Pilot project that happened last year continue.

Red Mountain partnership – strongly promote and support it.
Last year tried to get gr 8 involved, unfortunately was denied.

Rich Hotson:

Gym floor is wonderful.

Is it under consideration to have a cover for protection.

Surplus

Mortgages paid off for the six plex?

Superintendent Rhodes: Current expenses have been paid off.

Calvin Morven:

Protection of the floor.

Still under review with admin and myself.

Mats – sand gets under the mats and can scratch the floor.

Will damage over the years.

Calvin:

Student housing – now under the village of Gingoix, the village has more opportunities to bring into the house. They can bring cultural foods in and cook.

Trustee Azak: Met with Derek White, CEO for Ascot Mines. He was in charge of posting students that went on a tour, organized between him and Leslie Robinson. Leslie ask us to drive them up there with our village government bus. Mr. White has been very interested for quite a long time, he thought there was no program here, so he wanted to establish one, bring in all equipment and instruct, as he could through his resources, and bring in some of the students that are actually going through the competitions. He's hoping that some of our students can take part. All he needed was a resource person, location where he could have the program run, he could provide all resources.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

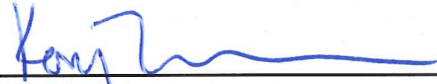
The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Davis

Carried



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Kory Tanner,
Secretary Treasurer