

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

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 – 5:30 PM

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

1. PROTOCOL

2. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Board Chair declared a quorum.

4. BOARD CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR ELECTION

Secretary-Treasurer presided over the election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair.

Trustee Morven-Hansen, Trustee Nelson and Trustee Azak all accepted nominations and provided a one-minute leadership statement. After questions about procedure due to a split vote, a ballot was taken: Morven-Hansen received two votes, Nelson and Azak 1 each. Per process, the lowest vote nominees are dropped for subsequent rounds if required. Trustee Morven-Hansen was declared elected as Chair.

Vice-Chair, only Trustee Azak was nominated and was acclaimed by affirmation .

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2025:**

R02-1662

That the Board of Education approved the November 4, 2025 Agenda with the addition under 12. Trustee Reports: 12.5 BCSTA Board of Director Report on Advocacy Days.

Moved by: Trustee Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Nelson

Carried

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

4.1 Regular Meeting – October 7, 2025

R02-1663

THAT the Board of Education for Nisga'a School District adopt the Minutes of the October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting as circulated.

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

Moved by: Trustee Azak

Seconded by: Trustee Cox

Carried

7 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

IEC Committee at Regular Meeting

Clarification provided on the role of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) in regular meetings; the council is independent but provides recommendations to the Board.

8. **PRESENTATION:**

8.1 Director PSO – Services Delivery Update – Vince White

Vince White, Director outlined how the program is supporting rural/remote districts, specifically School District 92, with specialist services, regular in-person and virtual engagement, and culturally responsive support. Board Members praised the wraparound support and whole-child approach.

9. **EDUCATION:**

9.1 Director of Instruction – Indigenous Education & Early Learning Report

- Integration of Nisga'a language and culture
- Monthly coaching and co-development lesson plans
- Cultural sharing days and IEC onboarding
- Culturally grounded classroom management

9.2 Superintendent Monthly Update

- Leadership renewal and strategic plan implementation

- Insights from an education law conference (trustee conduct, inclusive education, privacy, family law, accommodations)

10. **BUSINESS:**

10.1 Operations Implementation Plan 2025-26 -Goal 4

- Transparent budgeting and stakeholder engagement
- Financial variance analysis and proactive management
- Modernized financial systems will consider other software to support financial and human resources needs.

11. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

No Policy Development.

12. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

12.1 Education Committee Update – Chair Winnie Morven-Hansen

- Student trip proposal to Japan for senior students approved in principle
- Reviewed Terms of Reference
- Focus on inclusive supports for education assistants
- Strategies for improving attending (currently an area of concern, especially in winter and among grade 12s)
- Review of numeracy and literacy frameworks

12.2 BCSTA – IEAC Knowledge Series

Trustee Winnie Morven-Hansen reported on her attendance at the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 22, 2025.

- Coverage of BCA Board of Directors updates
- New data tools for tracking student attendance
- Support for indigenous student leadership and mental health
- Concerns around absenteeism, and ongoing development of parent toolkits for attendance improvement
- Need to request for a parent tool kit, implementation guide and the attendance tool kit

12.3 Rural and Remote

Trustee Winnie Morven-Hansen report on the Rural and Remote Report from the October 15, 2025 meeting.

- Focussed on teacher recruitment/retention, mentorship, broadband issues, and support for diverse needs.

12.4 BCSTA – Provincial Council Update

Trustee Carl Azak presented a verbal update for the Provincial Council Meeting.

- Covered AGM time management, national initiatives (e.g., cell phone bans), and concerns about board dissolutions in Ontario

12.5 BCSTA – Board of Director Report – Advocacy Days
Trustee Nelson presented his Board of Director's Report on Advocacy Days.

- Advocacy meetings with Ministers on education policy and infrastructure

13. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
No correspondence.

14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**
No public in attendance.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**
The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Certified correct,
Winnie Morven-Hansen,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Ernie Gran,
Secretary Treasurer