

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

**MARCH 27, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair Sally Barton Norman Hayduk Tabitha Munroe	Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gingolx Trustee Nass Camp Trustee Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustees
Also in attendance:	Joe Rhodes Carey Stewart Orest Wakaruk Kory Tanner Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Assistant Superintendent Secretary Treasurer Assistant Secretary Treasurer Recording Secretary
Absent:	Alvin Azak	Gitwinksihlkw Trustee

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH 27, 2018**

**R02-1190**

That the Board of Education approve the March 27, 2018 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried

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

4.1 Regular Minutes of February 20, 2018

**R02-1191**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on February 20, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

5. **SUMMARY OF IN-CAMERA MEETING OF THE BOARD**

- 5.1 Summary of In-Camera Meeting of the Board, February 20, 2018  
- No summary for February 20, 2018 In-Camera Minutes.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2018 MINUTES:**

No business arising from the February 20, 2018 minutes.

7. **BOARD REPORT:**

No Board reports.

8. **BUSINESS:**

- 8.1 Interim Financial Statements at January 31, 2018

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presents the Interim Financial Statements at January 31, 2018.

**R02-1192**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Interim Financial Statements at January 31, 2018.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

- 8.2 Interim Financial Statements at February 28, 2018

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presents the Interim Financial Statements at February 28, 2018.

**R02-1193**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Interim Financial Statements at February 28, 2018.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried

- 8.3 Preliminary District 2018/2019 Ministry of Education Budget - Review

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presents the Preliminary District 2018/2019 Ministry of Education Budget.

For information only.

9. **EDUCATION:**

9.1 2018/2019 School Calendar Finalization

Superintendent Rhodes summarized feedback responses on the 2018-2019 School Calendar:

- Received 6 responses – two from parents, said no
- Two employees write in clarying on how to do the Friday....
- Need to set up Pro D Days with NTU
- Executive recommending that there are number of family Fridays for elementary.
- At the District Student Advisory Committee meeting this afternoon, mixed reaction from the kids, feedback from peers, liked it, but didn't, some said not to do it on the Friday, maybe a Wednesday
- In regards to the longer blocks, unanimously they felt that was good. Would be beneficial.
- Did not get any phone calls, no emails. It's been silent, in terms of feedback.
- Attendance is a significant reason why for the change
- Make each day more important, Give the students.....
- Increase length of classes, create opportunity for teachers to do things differently
- We need to try something, we can always go back to five days, if it does not work
- Creates white space, longer periods of time to encourage creativity
- Students can volunteer at the schools, their hours can be credited.
- The goal is to improve attendance. How can we accomplish this. Need to tamper with the current structure.

Trustee Barton:

K-8 – lot of concern for grade 8's missing out on their electives.

It was tried before, but didn't last long, parents were not happy.

Some kids say yes, they would like to stay home until grade 9

For the older ones, through the village government, they are supportive of the pilot program.

Parents that came out, were not pleased.

There are subs in the class months at a time, kids do not want to be there, there is no support.

Trustee Munroe:

Was unable to hold a consultation meeting due to many deaths in the Valley and was left with very little dates. But met with whoever was available.

Community events, cultural, deaths, left me with very few dates.

Did speak with a few people and heard:

This won't work, know a lot of people against it.

Asked if they would share their concerns, they said no.

Why so quick to have to decide.  
Some comments were bold.  
Option of Wednesdays, parents were very happy to hear that kids were finding ways to improve education.

**R02-1194**

That the Board of Education of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) approve the 2018/2019 School Calendar to move to a four-day week for Secondary students.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

Consensus to move to the four day week.

Consultation meetings to be set up by Administration during the month of April 2018.

10. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

None

11. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

11.1 BCSTA Board Financial Governance and Accountability Requirements

BCSTA letter dated February 8, 2018:  
By June 30, 2018

Moved to the April 9, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

12. **TRUSTEE REPORTS (verbal)**

None

13. **PRESENTATIONS:**

None


14. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**


None

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm  
Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

  
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Certified correct,  
Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair

  
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Certified correct,  
Orest Wakaruk,  
Secretary Treasurer