

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2017 – 6:30 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2017

R02-1154

That the Board of Education approve the November 15, 2017 Agenda with additions:

7.1. Superintendent

7.1.4 Superintendent's Meeting

7.1.5 Nisga'a Language & Culture Report

Barton/Hayduk

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1.1 Regular Minutes of October 17, 2017

R02-1155

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 17, 2017 be approved.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Munroe

Carried

5. SUMMARY OF IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE BOARD

5.1.1 Summary of Special Meeting of the Board, October 17, 2017.

R02-1156

That the Summary of the Special Meeting of the Board held on October 17, 2017 be approved.

- Discussed and approved the appointment of Kory Tanner to the Assistant Secretary Treasurer position.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Barton

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – October 17, 2017

7.1.6 Adult Education

Flyer had been sent out to all communities

7.1.8 – find your fit tour was a very positive day yesterday with high school and elementary.

7. EDUCATION

7.1 Superintendent of Schools:

7.1.1 Calendar Change

To accommodate the Ministry guest presentation for our Professional Development Day for November 24, 2017. Communication to staff and community have already taken place.

R02-1157

That the Board of Education approve the Professional Development Day for November 24, 2017 be moved to December 1, 2017.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Barton

Carried

7.1.2 Strategic Plan

This past year; education partners worked together to improve school district and school planning and reporting requirements of boards of education for enhancing student learning in BC's public school system.

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning is put in place of the Accountability Contract.

7.1.3 Update on Student Performance at BCSTA Trustees AGM

BC School Trustees Association sent out invitations to school districts inviting students to perform at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting in Vancouver BC April 2018. Out of 10 applications, School District 92 was the successful applicant.

Student selection will be based on attendance and are performing well academically.
Nisga'a Language and Culture Department will begin preparations.

7.1.4 Superintendent's Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Carey Stewart attended a meeting with the Ministry of Education's Aboriginal Education Department, received notification that the district will be receiving funding to support Nisga'a Language.
Develop framework for K-12 that fits the new curriculum and competency development.
Cultural appropriate calendars.

7.1.5 Coordinator of Culture & Language Programs Report – C.Peal

Superintendent Rhodes presented the Coordinator of Culture & Language report for November 2017:

- Nisga'a Language Program
- Awareness
- BC School Trustees Association - AGM Group
- Schools & Regular Classrooms
- Forward Thinking

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Operations:

8.1.1 Financials at October 31, 2017

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented the Operating Grant Financial status at October 31, 2017.

R02-1158

That the Board of Education approve the Interim Financial Operating Statement at October 31, 2017 as presented.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Azak

Carried

8.1.2 NLG Funding Proposal

1. Classroom enhancement for technology improvements- \$161,000.
2. Gingolx Village Government Student Housing- estimated costs are \$198,000 Revenue from the agreement is \$113,000. Requesting \$84,500. 2016/17 unwritten agreement was for \$78,000. Revenue improvement over 2016/17 is \$35,500 (45% increase).
3. Housing at Eagle House, 2017-2018 School Year proposal for \$84,500.

For information only

8.1.3 Program and Budget Reviews

1. Finance has been reviewed: 2 positions, hours have been reduced from 7 to 5 hours per day.
2. Finance Manager/HR position: staffing will be delayed until the February amended budget is prepared.
3. Review the Budget Tracking document

For information only.

Will provide monthly updates for December and January.
Amended Annual Budget is due mid-February 2017.

8.1.4 Board Policy Orientation

1. Tele conference was held on October 30.
2. Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer will meet with the consultant on November 21 to review the agenda/presentation.
3. Conference room was booked.
4. Draft agenda will be sent to Trustees, mid-November for input.
5. Trustees require laptops at the Nov. 22 session. Afternoon will be a working session accessing policy on line and review of SD. 92 policies.

For Information only

8.1.5 Electoral Boundaries

Received a letter from the Ministry of Education Governance and Analytics Division. There are 2 small gaps in the electoral boundary between School District 92 and School District 82.

School District 82 is agreeing to the suggested changes by the Ministry.

The School Act provides for Cabinet with the authority to modify school district boundaries. In order to address this boundary issue, the Ministry will be making a proposal to cabinet to amend the Order-in-Council that sets out the boundary of the Nisga'a School District and to make a corresponding amendment to the Order-in-Council that sets out the boundary of the Coast Mountain School District.

R02-1159

That the Board of Education approve the 2 electoral boundary changes as set out in the Ministry of Education letter and corresponding maps.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Munroe

Carried

8.1.6 Budget Planning and Monitoring

Secretary Wakaruk presented a draft Budget Planning, Monitoring and Revision document. This is a first procedure for developing a "Financial Policies and Procedures Manual".

For information only.

8.1.7 Residential Housing NLG Scheduled "C"

A request to the NLG Tri Partite Negotiating Team was made to have the School District Assets included in the Fiscal Financial Agreement.

Nisga'a Lisims Government will be meeting with the Negotiating Team on November 7, 2017. Review of the submitted letter and the housing data.

For information only

8.2 Maintenance:

8.2.1 Maintenance Report – C. Morven

Director of Operations Report for October 2017:
The Secretary Treasurer provided the Director of Operations October 2017 Report.

For information only.

8.3 Information Technology

8.3.1 Information Technology Report – B. Laird

IT Department Report on projects:

The Secretary Treasurer provided the Information Technology October 2017 Report.

For information only.

8.4 Human Resources

Human Resources Report to October 31, 2017 provided for information purposes only.

9. POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

None

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

None

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS: (verbal)

11.1.1 BCSPEA Symposium – November 2 & 3, 2017 – Trustee Munroe

Two main topic

Work place culture

Recruitment

A lot of material, gladly share the material. Very helpful for me as a Trustee, opportunities to recourse and education. There was two things I took away, one – the Key Note speaker, quotes “happier healthier educator” and “beneficial education impact on student”.

Session was on how we improve the work place environment so that our student and staff get the most out of their time in the district.

Session – strategy,

Don't have any HR experience, but got some insight on it.

Presenter has some really interest points,

1 to 2 year process

Will share the rest with you in material.

11.1.2 BCSTA Provincial Council – October 28, 2017 – Trustee Hayduk

Trustee Hayduk

Was not able to attend due to flight being cancelled.

Missed the venue and work session.

Issues forum was the livestreamed, was able to peace meal and follow it at home. Could not get the last pieces, and do not know if the group made a decision.

Level of trustee involvement....

AGM for our association gave instruction, wanted Ministry to respond.

The board will be around 9 –11 individuals. Will be the appointees,

- How long should trustees serve?
1, or 2 years?
- What kind of qualifications should trustees have
- Presented on Trustees of Boards
- Cannot give you the result of the resolution.

11.1.3 BCSTA Aboriginal Education Meeting – Trustee Azak

10 – 12 in attendance with bcsta executive members;

try to promote awareness to all school trustees in province on what has happened, to effect the education process for each first nations child that come into the schools, in BC. Things that have happened in residential schools, have had some influence. The committee has been asked to develop the curriculum in the province. They have lobbied for that in the past. With the things that they also take on are the action items that are in the reconciliation document, those are included in the workplaces that are been developed. The work plans are followed by all of the committee members and there are tasks for us to do, that will promote the goals and objective and bring awareness to all trustees in the province.

Amazed of the effect the Nisga'a have effect on the people that I met, when the announcement was made that the students will perform at the AGM in April, there was a real excitement by everyone in the committee.

I've always seen the kids, I know what to expect. What the other members were saying and communicating, it was like it was a movie star was coming to the AGM, there is a huge expectation by what is going to be brought to the AGM.

The other issues that are currently being worked on is to start the plan to work on the aboriginal curriculum.

Ab Education Committee is working with First Nations Steering Committee. They have worked with the FNESC Committee in the past, they have regular meetings with executive.

In the past we used to have a budget of \$7,000 from fnesc until it was cancelled. It was used to develop programs, develop skills with local people. That's the reason why I keep trying to get into groups:

Aboriginal Education Committee, and trying to get on the FNEESC board. Former Chair supported our request and brought to WSN, got the Secretary Treasurer and Executive Director to talk and meet with them to get support and more resources for our language and culture program.

12. PRESENTATIONS:

12.1.1 Nisga'a Teachers Union

President Richard Hotson provided his November 2017.
For information only.


13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:


Christina Bolton
Lorna Azak

Expressed their concerns on personnel issues at NESS.
Superintendent invited Christina to meet with him.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm


Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair


Certified correct,
Orest Wakaruk,
Secretary Treasurer