

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
ALVIN A. MCKAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LAXGALTS'AP, BC**

OCTOBER 16, 2018 – 6:30 PM

In attendance: Elsie Davis, Board Chair Laxgalts'ap 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

Absent: Alvin Azak Gitwinksihlkw Trustee
 Sally Barton Gingolx Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Board Chair declared a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 16, 2018

R02-1229

That the Board of Education approve the October 16, 2018 Agenda with the addition of two items from the In-Camera session to be placed under Agenda item number 6. Education:

6.2 October 19 Pro D

6.3 Strategic Plan Update

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

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

4.1 Regular Minutes of September 18, 2018

R02-1230

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on September 18, 2018 be approved.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 30, 2018 MINUTES:**

No business arising from the minutes.

6. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent of Schools – Joe Rhodes:

6.1 Alvin A. McKay Elementary School Update

Principal James Blake brings forth highlights on AAMES:

1. Literacy – promoting reading (read aloud) – classroom recognition. Buddy reading with preschool.
2. Promoting Positive Math experiences – Problem for the week – recognition at assemblies.
3. Breakfast Program update.
4. Access to Rec Centre for Gym use.
5. Exploring the possibility of having a District Arts Festival and District Sports Day (track meet).

6.2 October 19 Pro D

Superintendent Rhodes extends an invitation to the Board to attend the October 19th Pro D Day at NESS

Pro D Items:

- 1 Place base learning
- 2 Appropriate use of social media

6.3 Strategic Planning Update

Attendance – tracking since last year

September 2018 attendance has significantly improved at all schools

Last year NESS was at 77% and for September this year is 82%

NESS Elementary up to 92%

GES: Last year 92, up to 94 for September 2018

AAMES 89 up to 95% for September 2018

Winner : NBES 92 to 96%
Hoping October will show similar patterns.
Breakfast club has helped in bringing up the attendance.
Breakfast Program:
25 student attending
10 to 20

GES:
50% average 25-30 percent
6 to 8 Home-School Coordinator home calls

NBES – 30% attendance for breakfast 8 – 10 Home-School Coordinator home calls.

NESS : 55 students show up for breakfast elementary and secondary.
Could get more as the weather gets colder.

With the 54,000 grant from NLG
We could be promoting elders in schools, role models,
We need to find ways to get them involved and join us in supporting the language
It is important that we need a much greater presence in the schools.
There is a lot of talent out there

Nisga'a Language and Culture

Assistant Superintendent Carey Stewart updated the Board on the Interim Nisga'a Language and Culture Authority, Nisga'a Language & Culture Revitalization Community Consultations.

7. BUSINESS:
Secretary Treasurer – Orest Wakaruk:

7.1 District Credit Cards

The Breakfast Program commenced September 2018.
The Principals will be purchasing groceries for the program.
Each Principal and the Vice-Principal require an RBC credit card.
The bank requires a resolution from the Board of Education to increase the credit card limit from \$75,000 to \$100,000.
Each card will have a maximum limit of \$5,000.

R02-1231

That the Board of Education increase the RBC credit card total limit from \$75,000 to \$100,00 and the maximum on each of the 5 cards be limited to \$5,000.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Munroe

Carried

7.2 Interim Financial Statements at September 30, 2018

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented the Interim Financial Statements at September 30, 2018.

R02-1232

That the Board of Education of School District No 92 (Nisga'a) approve the Interim Financial Statements at September 30, 2018.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

7.3 Grizzly Apartments

The proposed project is to renovate the Grizzly student residence into apartment units.

This will provide modern residences compared to the existing units.

A design/construction has been completed by Northwest Construction Services.

The residence would provide 4 2-bedroom units and 2 3-bedroom units

Floor plan is provided.

Total cost of the project is \$700,000.

Cost per square foot is \$155.

R02-1233

That the Board of Education approve the conversion of the Grizzly student residence into 6 apartment units as per the attached drawings and

That the Board of education approve borrowing \$700,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada to finance the project subject to the Minister of Education approving the loan for the Capital Project.

Trustee Hayduk/Trustee Munroe

Carried

7.4 Vehicle and Equipment Purchase

We have a vehicle and one piece of equipment that are past due for replacement.

A farm tractor – 2008 Montana 5740C, that is used for snow clearing and other outdoor requirements.

These would be replaced by purchasing a 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 at \$45,316 tax in and the bobcat Caterpillar 236D High Flow Skid Steer at \$59,155.

These funds to purchase would be from the Local Capital fund. The Local Capital fund balance after the 2 purchases would be \$394,599.

R02-1234

That the Board of Education approve the purchase of the 2 capital assets; 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 and Caterpillar 236D High Flow Skid Steer.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

8. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:**

8.1 Policy No. 500-P – Accumulated Operating Surplus

The Board reviewed this Policy at the September 18, 2018 Board Meeting. It was also sent out to the public for review and or comments; no comments were received, we are now looking for approval.

R02-1235

That the Board of Education approve Policy No. 500-P Accumulated Operating Surplus as presented.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

8.2 Policy No. 501 – Budget Planning and Monitoring

The Board reviewed Policy No. 501-P Budget Planning & Monitoring at the September 18, 2018 Board Meeting, it was also sent out to the public for review and or comments; no comments were received, we are now looking for approval.

R02-1236

That the Board of Education approve Policy No. 501-P Budget Planning & Monitoring as presented.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

9. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

No Trustee reports.
Student Trustee not available.

11. **PRESENTATIONS:**

J. Borosa

DSAC:

Had the opportunity to learn about process, to support student trustee and how to gather data in the schools; initiative is to take the dress code, student will present at an assembly, sent out a survey. Correlating all information and will forward to Mr. Stewart.

Eager to help draft policy as well.

C. Nott

Presented information on the new NESS Timetable.

Terms: 71 days, 71 days, 18 days, 18 days

12. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Peter Leeson brings forth concerns as listed:

- Concerned that there was no back to School March at AAMES.
- Policy for Public Meeting – commented that people have a right to say at the meetings
- Questioned why the HVAC install for AAMES was taking so long for completion
- Election Process – concerned that there were a couple of candidates disqualified, suggested made to make sure to remind candidates of the process
- No Maintenance Report made available.

Len Hansen

- \$54,000 for Language and Culture could use it also to teach in puppet form.
- Utilize Elders to teach, translate stories

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

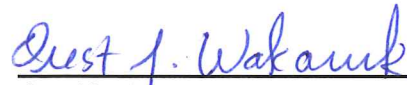
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Hayduk

Carried



Certified correct,
Elsie Davis,
Board Chair



Certified correct,
Orest Wakaruk,
Secretary Treasurer