



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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 – 6:30 pm**

**A G E N D A**

1. <b>PROTOCOL</b>			
2. <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>			
3. <b>DECLARATION OF QUORUM</b>			
4. <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 11, 2024</b>	Motion		
5. <b>ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:</b>			
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6.1			
7. <b>PRESENTATION:</b>			
7.1			
8. <b>EDUCATION:</b>			
SUPERINTENDENT			
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9. <b>BUSINESS:</b>			
SECRETARY-TREASURER			
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10. <b>POLICY DEVELOPMENT:</b>			
10.1			
11. <b>TRUSTEE REPORTS:</b>			
11.1			
11.2			
12. <b>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:</b>			
13. <b>PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:</b>			
14. <b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>			

**Next Board Meeting – October 15, 2024 - GES**



## NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92

### MEETING AGENDA ITEM 5.1

<b>Action:</b>	X	<b>Information:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>	Regular	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 10, 2024
<b>Topic:</b>	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board – June 11, 2024		

#### **Background/Discussion:**

Minutes as attached.

#### **Recommended Action:**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 11, 2024 be approved.

Presented by: Board Chair

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Winnie Morven-Hansen George Nelson, Chair Danica Moore Carl Azak	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gingolx Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee
<b>Also in attendance:</b>	Matthew Monkman Sharlene Grandison Paul Mercer	Superintendent of Schools Recording Secretary Secretary Treasurer
<b>Absent:</b>		

**1. PROTOCOL:**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm.

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair declared quorum.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**R02-1584**

That the Board of Education approve the May 21, 2024 Agenda as presented.

Trustee Moore/Trustee Nelson

Carried

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

5.1 Minutes of May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

**R02-1585**

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on May 21, 2024, be approved as presented.

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

No business arising from the minutes.

7. **PRESENTATION:**

No presentation.

8. **EDUCATION:**

Superintendent

8.1 Superintendent's Report : GES – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, NBES – June 4<sup>th</sup>,

Attended school learning feasts:

GES – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

NBES – June 4<sup>th</sup>

NESS – June

Attended the WWNI Convocation – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

UBC Field Experience students are in the Valley for three weeks.

8.2 Indigenous Education Report

- Nisga'a Strategic Plan is posted on the district website.
- Language & Culture Curriculum Update.
- Highlights:
  - Learning Feasts
  - Land based Learning (LBL) Culture Camp – June 17-18, 2024
  - SOGI – May 21 Zakary Meyers, of the ARCH Foundation working with the Ministry of Education, visited the Nisga'a School District to share information about SOGI.
  - Language Directorate (NLG) – Work partnership continues with the Nisga'a Language Directorate.
  - 2024 Language Instruction

8.3 School District 92 – 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Put together a Working Group with representatives from agencies in the Valley.

- Recognition of long-standing employees, administration, trustees
- Have a Memorial section – which would acknowledge the late Alvin McKay, Trustees no longer with us.
- Trustee Nelson expresses interest to be on the working group.
- The Board as a whole should be part of the working group.
- In order to continue the representation of the four communities maybe the education portfolios from each village government, Nisga'a Lisims Government, Nisga'a Valley Health.

**R02-1586**

That School District No. 92 would like to propose engagement with the Village Government reps to comprise a working group to plan the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Morven-Hansen

Carried

8.4 Minister of Education Visit

Superintendent updates the Board on the Minister of Education visit and dinner.

8.5 Code of Conduct

School District are tasked with including wording in their Code of Conduct which will restrict the use of personal internet-connected devices when schools open in September 2024.

The BC Superintendent's Association shared examples of wording from districts with the attached coming from SD60, Peace River North.

This sample wording is submitted to the board for discussion and input prior to its insertion into the SD92 Administrative Procedure 317-R, District Code of Conduct.

Schools will incorporate into their Code of Conduct.

This needs to be sent back to the Ministry of Education by the end of this month.

For information only.

9. **BUSINESS:**  
Secretary-Treasurer

9.1 Financial Statements

Presentation of the Financial Statements at May 31, 2024 presented to the Board.

For information only.

9.2 2024/2025 Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer presented the 2024/2025 Annual Budget Version 1250-9504-7522.

For the 2024/2025, the Board must prepare an Annual Budget, and have it adopted by Bylaw before June 30, 2024. As per Section 113 of the School Act and submit to the Minister of Education by this date.

**R02-1587**

That the 2024/2025 Annual Budget Bylaw Version: 1250-9501-7522 be read a first time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Azak

Carried

**R02-1588**

That the 2024/2025 Annual Budget Bylaw Version: 1250-9501-7522 be read a second time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Trustee Morven-Hansen/Trustee Azak

Carried

**R02-1589**

That the 2024/2025 Annual Budget Bylaw Version: 1250-9501-7522 be read a Third time, passed and adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Trustee Azak/Trustee Nelson

Carried

**9.3 Director of Operations Report**

Verbal report on maintenance activities in the district.

**10. POLICY DEVELOPMENT:**

No policies or procedures.

**11. TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

No Trustee reports

**12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

No correspondence received.

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

No public questions.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

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Certified correct,  
Winnie Morven-Hansen,  
Board Chair

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Certified correct,  
Paul Mercer,  
Secretary Treasurer



## NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92

### MEETING AGENDA ITEM 5.2

<b>Action:</b>	X	<b>Information:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>	Regular	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 10, 2024
<b>Topic:</b>	Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of the Board – June 25, 2024		

#### **Background/Discussion:**

Minutes as attached.

#### **Recommended Action:**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 25, 2024 be approved.

Presented by: Board Chair

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 – 3:15 PM**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Winnie Morven-Hansen George Nelson, Chair Danica Moore Carl Azak Gary Cox	Gitlaxt'aamiks Trustee Gingolx Trustee Laxgalts'ap Trustee Gitwinksihlkw Trustee Nass Camp & Surrounding Areas Trustee
<b>Also in attendance:</b>	Matthew Monkman Paul Mercer Sharlene Grandison	Superintendent of Schools Secretary-Treasurer Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

**1. PROTOCOL:**

**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm.

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Board Chair declared quorum.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**R02-1590**

That the Board of Education approve the June 25, 2024, Agenda as presented.

Trustee Nelson/Trustee Azak

Carried

**5. SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEE:**

Swearing in a Gary Cox for Nass Camp & Surrounding Areas and reading of Oath.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.



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Certified correct,  
Winnie Morven-Hansen,  
Board Chair

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Certified correct,  
Paul Mercer,  
Secretary Treasurer



# NISGA'A SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92

## MEETING AGENDA ITEM 8.1

<b>Action:</b>		<b>Information:</b>	X
<b>Meeting:</b>	Regular	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 10, 2024
<b>Topic:</b>	Superintendent Update		

### **Background/Discussion:**

Superintendent Update – Genuugwiikw (September) 2024 attached.

### **Recommended Action:**

For information only.

Presented by: Superintendent

## Nisga'a School District No. 92

Respect § Compassion § Integrity § Patience § Teamwork § Curiosity § Creativity § Sayt K'ilim Goot

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### MEMO

**To: Board of Education**

**From: Superintendent of Schools**

**Date:** 10 Genuugwiikw 2024

**Re: Superintendent Report to Board of Education**

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### Incoming Superintendent

One of the most important items to report on is the impact of our incoming superintendent, Robert Clifton. Following Robert's return from a holiday in Europe, he and I first connected at the BC Superintendent's summer gathering August 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say, in the ensuing few weeks from then, it has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside Robert to share the context of our school district and plan how to best support our staff in positively impacting student learning. Robert brings a wealth of experience and connections in supporting pedagogy in the classroom and ensuring that it reflects the needs of indigenous learners and this shone through in his first sessions leading our administrative team on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Many times a day, in a variety of circumstances, Robert demonstrates his clear understanding of the Design Thinking Process as he learns about each situation, empathizes with those impacted and suggests potential solutions and supports towards a solution. This is done in a thoughtful, patient and sensitive manner which will be a blessing for the district.

I very much look forward to working alongside Robert during these next three months as we work to create the processes and allocate resources to best support student learning for the years ahead.

### Māori Language Revitalization Expert Lynne Te Aika

On August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> we were blessed to have Lynne Te Aika visit the region and spend some time with our staff, community members, elders and knowledge keepers. Lynne shared her experiences of over twenty-five years leading Māori language revitalization with the groups and prompted much sharing and incite into what has been working and what are seen as challenges. I wish to acknowledge the great support that the district received from Principal, Charity Peal, in both organizing this visit, and in supporting the involvement of many elders and knowledge keepers. The presence of such a knowledgeable and diverse group made for a rich conversation regarding language revitalization.

Some of the key factors of Lynne's message that resonated with me included:

- Form a "Language Strategy" of which the school system is just one facet.
- Identify homes interested in developing fluency (they targeted "1000 homes" in their strategy).
- Hold "Language Camps" for youth.

- Create opportunities for “Everyday Language” use.
- Link traditional harvesting from the land with incorporation of language.
- Have sports teams create chants in their language; have fans create cheers in the language.

Lynne made some key connections with both SD92 staff and community members which I hope will continue to provide rich sharing around this important topic.

### **Revitalization of Nisga’a Secondary Programming**

In addition to returning staff at the secondary level, we are very excited to have Lucy Findlay, a shop teacher trained at BCIT and UBC overseeing trades instruction. Lucy has already refreshed the woodshop so that it is a transformed space ready to welcome students for some hands-on learning. Bryce Cotton has also joined the NESS staff, having recently completed his Master’s degree in music. Bryce will teach band and music classes. Another new addition to the school programming is Zach Munroe who brings a wealth of experience and certification in athletic coaching to the Physical Literacy and Athletic Director roles.

### **Flourishing in a Time of AI**

At the BC Superintendents gathering this summer we heard about global education leaders focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of students in a time of challenging global factors, climate change and ubiquitous screen time and technology use. There is a questioning of education systems that have been designed to sort and categorize students based on measurement tools. Rather, there is a thought that education should prepare students around three principles:

- Fulfillment for everyone – respecting and nurturing a wide range of strengths including capacity for caring and creativity.
- Equip people to design and establish next economic, societal and organizational models.
- New ways of seeing, sensing and interpreting the world that reconciles competing beliefs and values while rebuilding meaning in people’s lives.

While these ideas appear broad and theoretical I would contend that SD92 is very well positioned to respond to these considerations for transforming education.

SD92 exists in the unique context of being a public school district operating on Nisga’a treaty lands. The revised BC school curriculum provides a flexible vehicle where the development of Core Competencies is accomplished through curricular development. Collectively we must ensure that we focus our efforts on culturally rich and relevant literacy and numeracy programs and ensure that those foundations are reinforced throughout a student’s learning journey – both in the school and beyond its walls. Learning on Nisga’a land must honour the place, culture, language, traditions of the Nisga’a people and Land Based Learning is an integral part of that. For example, providing frequent opportunities for students to participate in traditional harvesting and gathering practices will provide them with hands-on learning as well as an appreciation for the foods provided by this rich valley that will nourish them far better than what is available on the shelves of supermarkets. The more we can engage young people in activities where they create, experience hands-on learning, engage in supporting their community, the more they will be prepared to flourish and build strong relationships.



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92

### MEETING AGENDA ITEM #9.2

<b>Action:</b>	X	<b>Information:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>	Regular	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 10, 2024
<b>Topic:</b>	Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD92-01		

#### **Background/Discussion:**

For the 2024/2025, the Board must prepare an Annual Budget, and have it adopted by Bylaw before June 30, 2024. As per Section 113 of the School Act and submit to the Minister of Education by this date.

#### **Recommended Action:**

Three readings as per attached Capital Bylaw No. 2024/2025-CPSD92-01 Capital Plan 2024/25.

Presented by: Secretary Treasurer

**CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 2024/25-CPSD92-01**  
**CAPITAL PLAN 2024/25**

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 92(Nisga'a) (hereinafter called the "Board") has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the *School Act*, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

- (a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;
- (b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the capital project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each capital project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,
- (d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2024/25 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated *March 15, 2024*, is hereby adopted.
2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as *School District Name Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD92-01*

READ A FIRST TIME THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF *September 2024*;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF *September 2024*;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF *September 2024*.

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Winniefred Morven-Hansen  
Board Chair

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Paul Mercer, Secretary Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and original *School District Number 92 (Nisga'a) Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD92-01* adopted by the Board the 10<sup>th</sup> day of *September 2024*.

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Paul Mercer, Secretary-Treasurer