

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

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

In attendance:	Elsie Davis, Board Chair	Laxgalts'ap Trustee
	Alvin Azak	Gitwinksihkw 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
	Sharlene Grandison	Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Board Chair declared a quorum.

Welcomed the public to the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

**R02-1141**

That the Board of Education approve the September 19, 2017 agenda as presented.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

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

**4.1.1 Regular Minutes of June 20, 2017**

**R02-1142**

That the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Education held on June 20, 2017 be approved.

Trustee Munroe/Barton

Carried

## 5. SUMMARY OF IN CAMERA MEETING OF THE BOARD

5.1.1 Summary of Special Meeting of the Board, June 28, 2017.

### **R02-1143**

That the Summary of the Special Meeting of the Board held on June 28, 2017 be approved:

Discussed and approved the 2017-2018 Annual Budget Bylaw Version 8065-7319-5337.

Trustee Munroe/Trustee Barton

Carried

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising from the June 20, 2017 minutes.

## 7. EDUCATION

7.1 Superintendent of Schools:

### 7.1.1 Startup

- Start went smoothly overall
- Still trying to hire a Learning Support teacher after hiring 11 new staff this summer
- Orientation Day was well received and included certification of most educational staff on Hazardous material, Work Safe required was completed.
- Accommodation for staff is now at capacity and we require one additional space prior to hiring any new staff.

### 7.1.2 Enrolment Update

- Projected enrolment for 2017/2018 was 391 students on which the budget is based
  - Current enrolment is:
    - NBES – 43
    - AAMES – 65
    - GES – 35
    - NESS Elementary – 114
    - NESS Secondary – 127
- TOTAL: 384

### 7.1.3 Literacy/Numeracy Update

- District approach to improving Literacy and Numeracy skills moving forward this year
- Vocabulary assessment for Kindergarten student and numeracy assessment for grade 3,4 students beginning now
- District staff working to build teacher capacity using the tools to inform instruction
- New FSA assessment occurring at the end of the month

### 7.1.4 Education Conference Update

- Education Conference starts September 21 and 22, 2017
- Secondary students attending Thursday full, elementary partial day
- Secondary student panel included
- Presentations by Literacy numeracy, Language and Culture, and Grad program changes included and given by District 92 staff.

## 8. BUSINESS

### 8.1 Finance:

#### 8.1.1 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements

Secretary Treasurer Wakaruk presented the 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements for approval and submission to the Ministry of Education by September 28, 2017.

#### **R02-1144**

That the Board of Education approves the 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 92 (Nisga'a), Version No. 2308-1562-8580 as presented.

Trustee Barton/Trustee Hayduk

Carried

#### 8.1.2 Purchase Order Module

- A purchase order module has been installed in the accounting program, this will provide a more accurate budget status for staff assigned a budget.
- Training has been provided for school administration staff and others.

- A new accounting software will be purchased and implemented during the summer of 2018.

8.2 Maintenance:  
No maintenance report.

8.3 Information Technology

A new computer technician has been appointed, arrival and start date should be sometime in September. This year staff will be going forward focusing on improving the infrastructure, replacing 45 laptops for the high school, updating and adding iPads where the budget allows. This is the second year for laptop upgrades. Last year the Board office and the school Administration were completed. This year the budget has allowed for 45 new laptops for the high school students. Approximately 200 additional laptops/iPads are requiring replacement.

This past summer work accomplished at the classrooms were:

- Cleaning and updating all iMacs
- Installing more Smart Boards
- Updating the Wireless in GES and AAMES
- Laptops should be getting delivered in the next week or 2! (last year it was at the end of October)

8.4 Human Resources  
No Human Resources report.

## 9. POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

### 9.1.1 District Code of Conduct

Superintendent Joe Rhodes presented the District Code of Conduct draft policy.

- The policy is a requirement of the School Act
- It is in draft for Board review and determination. The intent is to blend Nisga'a community values with expectations of the School Act.
- Administration procedures to be developed once policy is accepted.

Superintendent to form a Policy Review Committee to consist of Superintendent, Board Member(s), Parents, Students.

All Trustees are in favour in putting out the policy information to the communities for feedback as per District Policy development 104-P.

Direction from the Chair for the Superintendent to take the next steps for the draft District Code of Conduct.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

10.1.1 BCSTA response to announcement re: PSEC consultation on BCPSEA

For information only.

10.1.2 Tuition Free Adult Basic Education

Letter from the Ministry of Education confirming that the tuition-free Adult Basic Education (ABC) is being restored within the K-12 sector, and will be fully-funded.

## **11. TRUSTEE REPORTS (verbal)**

No Trustee reports.

## **12. PRESENTATIONS**

12.1.1 Nisga'a Teachers Union Report:

Rich Hotson's report dated September 2017 included:

- BCTF Teacher Magazine will include an article on the School District.
- Returned to the district to a full complement of teachers for all schools.
- Doreen Adams was appointed to facilitate the numeracy initiative.
- New NTU Executive for 2017-2018.

## **13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Alvin Nelson welcomes the Board to Gingolx.

Questions:

Language:

How are the student doing? Are they fluent in Nisga'a?

Are the students/teachers attending feasts?

Back in the day there used to be dinner to meet the teachers.

Student Residences:

How are the students doing?

Are they keeping up with the rules and regulations?

Would like to see a newsletter coming from the Youth to see what is on their minds.

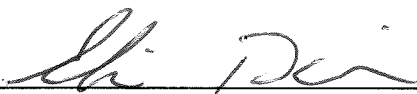
Develop a questionnaire for Elementary, can call it "Dreams", important to realize how much they know.  
Alcohol today is a problem.  
Glad to see that the teacherage was taken down.

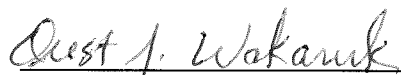
Gwen Nelson:  
Concerned with the constant turnover of staff.  
Things need to happen consistently.  
Impressed with the way the Board handle themselves.  
Concerned on the education of our children.  
It's a challenge when a student goes to college, but does not quite meet the requirements.  
Need to understand/educate what the Treaty is.  
Need our own Political Science.  
What happens to assessments after they are done? Are there follow-ups.  
Appreciate efforts on the Policy Code of Conduct.  
Audit – how does it work for the Nation and Province?

Lilly  
District Code of Conduct Policy:  
Concerned with the how students treat each others.  
Suggestion to have assemblies to make this information more known.  
See policy on language being used in public.  
See more resources materials.  
The Board advised that the Policy was in process stage and will be sent out to all communities for comments/suggestions.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Certified correct,  
Elsie Davis,  
Board Chair

  
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Certified correct,  
Orest Wakaruk,  
Secretary Treasurer