

PLEASANT POINT PASSAMAQUODDY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 14, 2021

Via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alberta Newell, Chairperson,  
Frank Cleaves, Vice-Chairperson,  
Carol Taylor-Sprague, Theresa Sapiel, Holly Cleaves.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent,  
Dan Morang, Principal,  
William "Eric" Altvater, Facilities Manager  
Mark D. Lee, Harriman Company,  
Agnieszka A. (Pinette) Dixon, School Attorney,  
Michael Lombardo, Consulting Owners' Representative,  
Sipayik Elementary School K-8 Project.

1. Chairperson Newell calls the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.  
Chairperson Newell calls for moment of silent to recognize and respect the members of the community at the Indian Township and family member of the Sipayik Elementary School.
- 1A. Motion by Ms. Sapiel and seconded by Mr. Cleaves to go into executive session accordance to 1.M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(E), to receive consultation with legal counsel in executive session regarding the board's legal rights and duties, pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and other matters protected by the attorney/client privilege or where premature public disclosure of the matter being discussed would place the public body at a substantial disadvantage.  
Time In: 6:03 P.M. and Time Out: 6:42 P.M.
2. Motion by Mr. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Sapiel to approve the December 8, minutes as written. Voted Unanimously.
3. Discussion of Flooring Options for Sipayik Elementary School. There was an agreement to change the flooring type and design.
4. Discussion and review of remote learning. A discussion in regard to current situation with COVID. Sipayik Elementary School has a plan for any projected shift into a hybrid model.

Motion by Mr. Cleaves and seconded by Ms. Sapiel to continue fully remote until the board revisit the topic during the March Board Meeting. Voted Unanimously.

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5. REPORTS:

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIAISON'S.

Significant outreach to the students and their family to keep them in school. Some of the students are taking part in the Adult Education HiSet program to receive their HiSet Diploma and there are some challenges with a few high school students to keep them in School. Superintendent explained the effort in working with the principal and the High School Community, School Liaison to continue the outreach to get to know all our students in the Headstart, grades 9-12, and Adult Education.

PRINCIPAL'S. EXHIBIT A

SUPERINTENDENT'S.

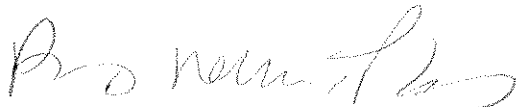
Dr. Namin provided some information about the new Sipayik Elementary School Website design that maintains all content from the existing website and will link to it. A MIE Wellness Committee has met and will expand the membership to add an 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from each school, a new MIE Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment or CIA will meet this month, a significant task of MIE Audit by BIE has been completed and thanks to Wanda for all her great work, MIE is seeking a waiver for the new required BIE Accountability to continue using the current State of Maine Assessment and Accountability in place of the new BIE Accountability, the required DOE Adult Education data (not submitted since 2016, Transportation Data (not submitted since 2017 and financial Data are all successfully submitted and certified. Superintendent also indicated the MIE focus will be to provide significant Enrichment and Support along with emotional support caused by the recent Pandemic for all our students and our staff.

6. COMMUNITY COMMENTS.

There was a recommendation to include a report to provide updates on Headstart and all Headstart's Activities and Events.

7. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Mr. Cleaves to adjourn. Voted Unanimously. Time Out: 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent of Schools  
Maine Indian Education  
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy School Department