

PLEASANT POINT PASSAMAQUODDY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 23, 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,
Jasmine Bassett, Head Start Program,
Tammy Ginn, Business 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 called the meeting to order at 6:16 P.M.
2. Motion made by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Taylor-Sprague to authorize the Superintendent, in consultation with legal counsel, to negotiate an extension of the Owner's Representative contract subject to the availability of BIA funding. Voted Unanimously.
3. Discussion and Appropriate Actions related to Pleasant Point School Construction Issues. As stated in item #2.
4. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes. Voted Unanimously.
5. Motion by Ms. Taylor-Sprague, and seconded by Mr. Cleaves to re-approve the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy School Committee Aid Indian Policies and Procedures for 2021-2022. There was a discussion about the need for a verification through BIE in regard to the use of the word "Native American" than "Indian". (EXHIBIT A)
6. Discussion and review of remote learning. A discussion was held in regard to the current situation with COVID. Sipayik Elementary School has a plan for any projected shift into a hybrid model or face to face. There was significant support for returning to face to face instruction and/or hybrid. There will be a report and data from the health center in regard to the CDC Guidelines and the vaccination in the community and a recommendation for the board consideration as planned during the March 9th Board meeting.

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7. 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 HiSet Diploma and some challenges with few high school students to keep them in school. There are needs for tutoring and positions will be posted.

PRINCIPAL'S. (EXHIBIT B)

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.

The MIE Wellness Committee has met and will expand the membership to add an 8th grade student from each school and expansion of the Nutrition Standards to include the Native American Culture and Heritage.

PASSAMAQUODDY CHILDCARE DIRECTOR'S: (EXHIBIT C)

8. COMMUNITY COMMENTS.

There was a request to use the school gym for a non-school related meeting. The board will review and take appropriate actions in regard to the Facility Use Policy.

9. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to adjourn. Voted Unanimously. Time Out: 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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