

INDIAN TOWNSHIP PASSAMAQUODDY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 1, 2021

In-Person Board Members at the Indian Township School,
Community Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Geo Neptune, Chairperson
- Tene' Downing, Vice-Chairperson
- Dorothy Barnes
- Roger Brown
- Russel Lola

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent
- Jane Smith, Principal
- Molly Newell, Assistant Principal
- Carla Gillespie, ITDC Director

1. Chairperson Neptune called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.
2. Principal Smith presented her recommendation and a Re-Opening Plan. The recommendation to re-open the school on April 5, 2021.
3. Chairperson Neptune expresses a concern with the current conditions regarding the pandemic and his support to continue remote learning. Vice-Chairperson Downing expressed her support to re-open using a hybrid model to have a better transition back to school. Dr. Namin explained that due to the current rate of community vaccination, the Maine Department of Education Re-Opening Guidelines, Ms. Smith Re-opening Plan, the School CDC guidelines enforced, and the school's ability to purchase three remote UV Light Units that would kill all airborne particles within three to five minutes, it will be good to consider re-opening. He also added that no plan is going to be perfect that we need to be prepared to move back into full remote, if any confirmed new cases of COVID within our school community.
4. A motion by Mr. Lola and seconded by Mr. Brown to re-open March 15. Voted 2-3 and motion failed.

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5. A motion was made by Mr. Lola and seconded by Mr. Brown to allow faculty to have an option to return to the school starting on March 8 and mandatory return of all faculty as of March 15 with students' full return to school as of March 22. A discussion followed by the statement from Ms. Gillespie, ITDC Director, that the facility will be prepared to address the needs of the faculty for any childcare. Any faculty with challenges and difficulty to meet the expectation will be considered case by case by Principal Smith. Voted 3-2 and motion passed.

6. Community Comments:

There were some community comments about the need to return to school and re-opening to address the students' emotional and social isolation caused by the pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent
Maine Indian Education
Indian Township Passamaquoddy School Department