

PLEASANT POINT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MARCH 9, 2021

Via Zoom

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Frank Cleaves

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent,
Dan Morang, Principal,
William "Eric" Altvater, Facilities Manager,
Nina Clement, High School Community/School Liaison,
Jasmine Bassett, Passamaquoddy Child Development Director

1. Chairperson Newell calls the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2a. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to approve February 23, 2021 special meeting minutes. Voted Unanimously. Frank Cleaves Absent.
- 2b. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to approve February 23, 2021 meeting minutes. Voted Unanimously. Mr. Cleaves Absent.
3. There were discussions regarding the re-opening about the need for adequate preparation for teachers for any potential re-opening, the 85% of staff being vaccinated, and about 110 parents completed the re-opening survey. Motion by Ms. Taylor-Sprague and seconded by Ms. Sapiel to re-open using the hybrid model presented by Principal Morang (Attached), and effective March 29, 2021. Voted Unanimously. Mr. Cleaves Absent.
4. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to suspend all Facility Use Requests, Policy KF-Community Use of School Facilities, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic by any outside organizations effective March 10, 2021, for the remainder of the 2021 academic year, until further notice, and the board review and update of the Policy. Voted Unanimously. Mr. Cleaves Absent.

5. REPORTS:

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIAISON.

Significant outreach to the students and their families to keep them in school. Tutoring positions are posted. The Passamaquoddy Tribal Government will provide some additional space for the grades 9-12 students as needed.

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PRINCIPAL. (Exhibit A).

SUPERINTENDENT.

Dr. Namin provided an update regarding the MIE request for Accountability and Assessment Waivers from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the final required component of the waiver which was the support of the Maine Department of Education received. The Maine Indian Education and all the schools' websites are providing direct links to all the existing MIE and School policies.

PASSAMAQUODDY CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.

To safely social distance we have to do split classes in the Head Start classroom. Normally the classroom would accommodate all 20 of our students. Ten would be in one day and ten would be in another day. The daycare classroom holds ten students as well so we have come up with a plan that we feel is most effective. We would like for all the Head Start students to attend every day and for the other ten to use the daycare program classroom until the end of our program year which is 8/31. There are no children enrolled in the daycare classroom as that is a paid slot by parents. The Head Start slots are federally funded. For this to work MIE would have to eat the costs associated with the daycare budget as it has done basically since last March. Most of the Head Start children will be entering Kindergarten either this fall or next fall and we feel this is the best way to prepare them for the transition to BRS.

6. COMMUNITY COMMENTS.

Students are not allowed to leave the school for lunch and return. The school will have a scheduled lunch program, and students are not allowed to bring their lunch due to CDC guidelines.

7. Motion by Ms. Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to adjourn. Voted Unanimously.
Mr. Cleaves Absent. Time Out: 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Reza Namin