

**PENOBSCOT INDIAN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**March 22, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Carole Binette, Chairperson
- Naomi Neptune, Vice-Chairperson
- David Sapiel, Sr.
- Jo-Ann Lolar
- Elisha Sockbeson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Annemarie Swanson, Principal
- Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent
- Candy Henderly, Penobscot Indian Health Center
- Tammy Ginn, Business Manager.

1. Chairperson Binette called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Neptune and seconded by Ms. Lolar to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting with a correction of Carole Binette, Chairperson's name. Voted: Unanimous
3. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Neptune and seconded by Ms. Elisha Sockbeson to accept the Superintendent's recommendations to employ Ms. Heather Henderson as PBIS Internal Coach for the 2020-2021 school year with an extracurricular contract. Voted: Unanimous
4. Following discussions and opportunities to share their feedback by the board, Ms. Candy Henderly, Penobscot Indian Health Center, Principal Swanson, Staff and Parents, motion by Chairperson Binette and seconded by Ms. Lolar to have a tentative full re-opening of the school, with four days of instructions, effective April 26, and pending the monitoring and examinations of the Pandemic conditions by Ms. Candy Henderly, Penobscot Indian Health Center and Principal Swanson and following the guidelines set by Maine and the US CDC.
5. Motion by Ms. Lolar and seconded by Ms. Elisha Sockbeson to approve the Penobscot Indian School Committee's FY 2022 budget totaling \$4,569,257.15. Voted: Unanimous (EXHIBIT A)
6. Reports:
  - Report of Principal: (EXHIBIT B).
  - Report of Superintendent:  
Superintendent Dr. Reza Namin informed the board that the Maine Indian Education is continuing its request for BIE Waiver for Accountability and Assessment and have received the support of the Maine Department of Education as required. He also expressed his thanks and appreciation for the great work of Mr. Luke Esty-Kendall to take over the new School Website.

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7. Community Comments:

Principal Swanson shared a thank you note from the retiring Secretary Ms. Carol Winslow for the entire community's support and recognition of her years of service to students.

8. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Neptune and seconded by Ms. Lolar to adjourn.  
Voted: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reza Namin, PhD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent of Schools  
Maine Indian Education  
Penobscot Indian School Department